

Rt Hon Oliver Dowden CBE MP

Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

21 July 2020

Dear Oliver,

**Report on the impact of the COVID 19 outbreak on creative industries**

I attach a copy of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee's report on the impact of the COVID 19 outbreak on creative industries.

Committee members welcomed your announcement of an additional £1.57 billion to support arts, culture and heritage industries. Every penny is needed to support cultural activity until it can return to pre-pandemic levels.

The report makes recommendations on the extension of financial support schemes for arts practitioners who are still unable to return to work. We have also recommended that the Welsh and UK Governments initiate talks with the insurance industry to ensure film and television production insurance and insurance for live music events is made available. For this reason I am also writing to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP.

During our inquiry we heard from stakeholders that this issue is endangering the ability of the creative industries to return to work. I would be grateful if you could respond to the Committee setting out any action your Department has taken to try and increase the availability of insurance for productions and music events.



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