

The Rt Hon Karen Bradley MP
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Dear Minister,

The Big Picture – The Committee’s Initial Views on Broadcasting in Wales

You will be aware that the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee recently published a report which sets out our initial views on broadcasting and the media in Wales.

The report made a number of recommendations, we have included below those which pertain to the UK Government.

‘Recommendation 6. We recommend that there should be no further cuts to S4C’s funding until the planned review has been completed and there has been an opportunity for reflection on its conclusions by all those with a stake in the future of S4C.’

‘Recommendation 8. We recommend that the UK Government and Ofcom consider amending Ofcom’s Code of Practice for EPG providers to ensure that S4C receives greater prominence in Wales on Electronic Programme Guides and smart TV applications, such as the BBC’s i-player.’

For information, we have also made the following recommendation to the Welsh Government.

‘Recommendation 5. We recommend that the Welsh Government should withhold its consent to the appointment of the BBC Board member for Wales until there has been an opportunity for the Committee to hold a pre-appointment hearing with the UK Government’s nominee for the post.



We'd be grateful if you could respond to these recommendations by close of play on 13 March 2017, in time for the Assembly's debate, both on the report and the Welsh Government's response to it.

Yours sincerely,

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