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Dear Secretary of State

Review of S4C

I am writing to you regarding the current Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport review into the future arrangements of S4C, which is being carried out by Mr Eurnyn Ogwen Williams.

When the review was announced at the National Eisteddfod by Wales Office Minister Guto Bebb, in August, it was also confirmed that the results would be announced by the end of 2017. However no firm date was given.

It has recently come to my attention that the deadline for submissions of evidence and views to the review is October 13th - this Friday. DDCMS officials have also confirmed that submissions to the review and the deadline were communicated directly to S4C's partners and stakeholders and therefore it does not appear that this was an open review process, where other organisations with an interest or members of the public could contribute their views. I would be grateful if you could clarify why this approach has been adopted?

I would also point to an email which I received from Mr Thomas O'Malley which pointed out the deadline to me. This email, with a suggestion to extend the deadline, was passed to DDCMS officials by the Clerk of the Assembly Committee on Culture, Welsh Language and Communications which I chair. I asked if I could receive a copy of the reply to Mr O'Malley when it was sent. However, I have not as yet received a copy of the reply and I would be grateful to receive this as soon as possible.



Given the short window before the review deadline on the 13th, I would very much appreciate a quick response to the issues raised above.

I am copying this letter to Alun Davies AM the Welsh Government's Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language for information.

Yours sincerely

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