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4 March 2022

Memorandum of Understanding between the UK Government, the Welsh Government, Senedd Cymru and Ofcom

Dear Dawn,

Your joint letter with the Deputy Minister for Climate Change, on a review of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the UK Government, the Welsh Government, Senedd Cymru and Ofcom was referred by the Business Committee to this Committee on 18 January, for consideration.

The Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee considered the MOU at its meeting on 2 March 2022. The Committee has no comments on the content of the MOU. However Members wished to convey that, in order to guarantee the independence of broadcasting regulation, their view is that regulators should be accountable to parliamentary institutions rather than government.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document.

I am copying this letter to the Deputy Minister for Climate Change and the Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee for information.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee

