

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

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Hi,

I would ask the Committee to investigate BBC Wales and ITV Wales news coverage since the Queen's death. I have been amazed to find that for several days, the only stories that have been run are Royal stories, all of which support the continuation of the UK Royal Family.

There is a significant number of people in Wales who would like to debate the future of the Prince of Wales title, and articles relating to this should have been published. It is only today, that this has been touched upon following the First Minister's comment that he wasn't consulted on the timing of the announcement of the new Prince of Wales.

The Committee should seek the reasons for such a lack of diversity in the news. Is this due to editorial decisions? Or group think amongst journalists. Finally, what about other news around Wales? there has been a dearth of reporting.

We should remember that the BBC derives its income from license fee payers, and should provide a proper news service not a North Korean style 'news ministry', which is what's it's been these past few days.

Regards

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