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Dear Delyth,

Thank you for your letter of 17 November that outlines your views on Senedd involvement in the appointment of the Chair of S4C. I agree on the importance of S4C in Welsh life and in Welsh language broadcasting, and that it is vital for S4C to continue to deliver for the people of Wales.

The provisions of the Broadcasting Act 1990 and the DCMS Concordat with the Welsh Government determine matters related to the appointment of the S4C Chair. Schedule 6A to the Broadcasting Act 1990 provides that the Secretary of State will appoint the non-executive members of the S4C Board, including the Chair, and the Concordat specifies that the DCMS will consult the Welsh Government on any appointments relating to Wales, something the Government will continue to do.

I recognise the potential benefits of Senedd involvement in the process and want to continue to hear the Committee's views in relation to key matters for Welsh broadcasting. In that vein, I would not object to the Senedd Committee inviting future proposed S4C Chair candidates for their own hearing prior to the candidate's confirmation. This would ensure that the Senedd has a formal opportunity to question the preferred candidate and share its findings with the Welsh and UK governments, for us to consider, before a final appointment is made. This would not alter the appointments rules as set out in legislation, and broadcasting would remain reserved.

The Government is committed to the continued support of broader minority language broadcasting provisions and as part of the BBC Charter Review, we will continue to collaborate with the Welsh Government, the Senedd, and stakeholders in Wales to continue to bolster Welsh broadcasting and ensure the continued success of S4C.

Yours sincerely,


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