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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

29th January 2021

Dear Constance,

RE: BBC FUNDING

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of BBC funding.

I appreciate your concern with future funding for the BBC. The BBC's funding model (which was agreed with the BBC as part of the Royal Charter) was last considered as part of Charter Review 2015-16, following which the Government committed to maintain the licence fee funding model for the BBC for the duration of the current Charter period, until 2027.

The Government has, however, recently announced the start of the process to agree the level of the television licence fee from 2022. These negotiations will determine how much a TV licence costs, and as a result how much public funding the BBC and S4C get, for at least five years from April 2022.

I also welcome the fact that the Government is committed to ensuring that the BBC and the wider public service broadcasting system adapt to a fast-changing market and remain at the heart of our world class TV sector. With that in mind, I am delighted with the launch of the Public Service Broadcasting Advisory Panel. The panel will advise Ministers on key policy issues relevant to the future of public service broadcasting, including whether the concept is still needed, how it should be delivered, whether the legislative and regulatory framework needs to change, and whether the current funding model is sustainable in the longer term. For the avoidance of doubt, the panel will not consider or advise on the licence fee settlement for the period from 2022.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom'.

TOM PURSGLOVE MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
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