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Dear Huw,

### **Inquiry into the Future of S4C**

I'd like to thank you again for giving evidence to the Committee as part of our inquiry into the future of S4C.

During your session the issue of production rights was raised. You stated that 'if they (independent production companies) don't use those rights, then perhaps the broadcaster should have the right to take powers back and to exploit those rights themselves.'

I would be grateful if you could expand on this view to help us get a more complete picture of your concerns and any proposals you have for addressing those concerns.

In particular the Committee is interested in receiving further information on:

1. Any changes you would like to see made – for instance, to the Communications Act 2003 – in relation to production rights;
2. The potential benefits to yourselves as a broadcaster, as well as those to independent production companies, of your approach (detailed above) being adopted;
3. What you perceive as the barriers to your approach being adopted;
4. Any potential drawbacks/conflicts of the implementation of this approach;
5. Any reasons why the sharing of future production rights, including the right of S4C to exploit those rights either wholly or in part, could not be contractually agreed with the production companies at the outset.



We'd be grateful if you could respond by close of play on 7 April 2017.

Yours sincerely,

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**Chair of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee**

