



The Scottish
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Dear Ms. Nash

I am writing to contribute my views to the consultation on Ofcom's Phase 3 review of Public Service Broadcasting.

It is imperative that issues of funding are addressed before any further decisions are made about programming; in particular, an increase in overall non-news PSB programming across Scottish TV and Grampian TV should not be approved until adequate funding has been provided.

I feel that due consideration should be given to Scottish Television's proposals as they will have to deliver PSB on the ground. Here, in brief, are the recommendations I believe should be favoured:

1. That Scottish TV non-news programming be limited to two and a half, and then two hours, and that Grampian TV be limited to one and a half, and then one hour on a common schedule.
2. That a new 'Gaelic block' be established as a staging post to a dedicated channel, with SMG obligations ceasing following the establishment of a dedicated channel.

Yours sincerely,

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