

Question 1: Do you have any comments on our proposals?

I am disappointed that the BRITISH Broadcasting Corporation should view a separate Scottish TV channel as necessary or appropriate. Firstly, we are already well served with both the range of national and then Scottish news items most lunchtimes and twice most evenings. We also already have a wide range of programmes broadcast on BBC Scotland only: which annoyingly removes the chance for some viewers to watch the alternative 'mainstream' BBC programme by preference, depending where they live. Further, we already have BBC Alba offering a distinctly Scottish range of programmes. I understand that the proposed Scottish TV channel will also offer a large number of repeat programmes, and I strongly question the value of that to viewers who could be watching the same funds spent on original programmes throughout the mainstream programmes where all licence payers will then have the benefits of the wider range of new programmes. Finally, and an issue I feel very strongly about: the original proposal for this option was to provide it at the cost of the loss of BBC4 to Scottish viewers. I find this a highly unacceptable option because it removes a programming channel I wish to watch and which is provided as part of my right to view by purchase of a TV licence from the BBC. Further to these concerns, I think it is important for those who are considering the impact of this proposal to consider that many of us in Scotland, including myself, do not have the option of watching TV in any way other than by Freesat. I cannot receive Freeview where I live in the Scottish Highlands, I have no mobile phone signal so do not use a smartphone and my broadband speed is 0.2mgb so I have no options to explore watching TV via Sky, or other cable or alternative options, etc. I have already had the chance to watch BBC3 taken away by a bizarre BBC decision to provide it via non TV viewing options only, and I cannot watch any programme repeats via I-Player as my broadband speed is so slow. I would be very concerned at the financial losses to mainstream BBC TV production from the cost of providing this separate TV channel and its contents to what is a minority audience that

is proportionately insignificant against the overall potential BBC audiences.

Finally, I also wonder why this proposal is being considered despite the outcome of a referendum that established very clearly that the majority of the Scottish population who voted wished to remain part of Britain in all ways, and I would have thought, therefore, to receive the full BRITISH Broadcasting Corporation service. So perhaps the reception of this proposal and its associated impacts should be advertised much more widely and meaningfully; which would result in an a much wider indication of the views of the Scottish viewers?