

## **RESPONSE TO LARGER PARTIES AND BBC IMPARTIALITY CONSULTATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the revised arrangements dealing with the allocation of party election broadcasts and party political and referendum broadcasts. The consultation contains five questions that Ofcom would like answered and we have addressed each of them in turn in the response below:

Question 1: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposal to remove the list of larger parties from Section Six of the Code and the PPRB Rules? Give reasons for your answer.

We agree with Ofcom's proposal, as it reflects our increasingly complex political landscape. Removal of the larger party designation merely reflects how complex the UK's political landscape has become over the last three years.

Question 2: Do you agree with the proposal laid out in paragraph 3.30 that Ofcom produce an annual digest of electoral support? Give reasons for your answer.

Yes, we do agree with this proposal, as it will provide evidence-based underpinning for the change proposed above.

Question 3: Do you agree with the proposed amendments to Section Six set out in Annex 5 a) in relation to larger parties and b) to include BBC broadcasting services and BBC ODPS? Give reasons for your answer.

We agree with this change, which largely reflects the fact that Ofcom has taken up regulatory oversight of the BBC.

Question 4: Do you agree with the proposed amendments to the PPRB Rules set out in Annex 4 a) in relation to larger parties and b) to include BBC broadcasting services? Give reasons for your answer.

We agree with this change, which is mostly administrative in nature and serves merely to incorporate all the BBC's major broadcasting effort into the new operating regime.

Question 5: Do you have any comments on Ofcom's proposed amendments set out in Annex 5 for the purpose of regulating BBC broadcasting services and BBC ODPS in the area of due impartiality and due accuracy?

We endorse these various proposals, many of which, tidy up the previous rules. We also support the removal of the designation of 'larger parties' as the UK's political landscape has been transformed over the last three years and that definition no longer serves a useful purpose in this particular context.

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