



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

Tim Davie  
Director-General  
BBC

**7 February 2025**

Dear Mr Davie

### **BBC Annual Report**

Thank you and your colleagues for the recent evidence to the Committee.

The Committee would welcome some further information in relation to some of the issues we discussed with you at our meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025

First, with regards to BBC Scotland's coverage of the Scottish Parliament. We discussed with you and your colleagues our concerns around the depth of the coverage of the parliament's proceedings. This included our concerns around the lack of coverage of the important work of the parliament's committees. We also asked why there is no regular live coverage of the parliament's proceedings on BBC Scotland.

The Committee would welcome a more detailed written response to our concerns around the depth of coverage of the parliament's proceedings on BBC Scotland and how this might be addressed.

Second, with regards to the BBC's spend within Scotland you stated that "the majority of the £114 million of network spend is spent in Scotland, but some of it is spent outside it."

The Committee would welcome clarification of how much of the £114 million of network spend is spent in Scotland.

Third, with regards to BBC Scotland's coverage of the Scotland men's teams international matches we ask that you keep the Committee updated on the progress of your discussions on broadcasting these matches live.

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Contact: Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Committee, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP. Email [CEEAC.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:CEEAC.committee@parliament.scot). We welcome calls through Relay UK and in BSL through Contact Scotland BSL.

Finally, we discussed with you and your colleagues, concerns about London-based production companies having a nominal base in Scotland and being counted in the Scottish production quotas. We recognise that the definition of these quotas are determined by Ofcom and we intend to discuss this further with them when they appear before us next month.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clare Adamson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Clare Adamson MSP**  
**Convener**