

I do not support a separate PSP.

In my opinion, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, should use her existing powers to designate additional Public Service Broadcasters, which in their totality, should provide additional competition to the existing PSBs.

Specifically, Sky News, More4, E4, Film4, Teachers TV and The Community Channel should be designated as Public Service Broadcasters.

Sky News provides an excellent, free to air, alternative to the BBC, CNN, Euronews, Al Jazeera English, France 24 English, etc. channels and is the only alternative news channel to BBC News 24 on Digital Terrestrial TV since ITV choose to replace the ITV News channel with a quiz channel.

More4, E4 and Film4 all provide additional content of a PSB standard for Channel 4, the main alternative publically owned PSB to the BBC.

This should be recognised by the award of PSB status to its channels in the same way that all BBC Channels (other than BBC World, BBC Prime, etc) are.

Teachers TV is funded by the Department for Education and Skills and should have its status changed to that of a Public Service Broadcaster, in order to ensure wider availability on Digital Terrestrial TV.

The Community channel, operated by the media trust recieves funding, indirectly from the Home Office, and should have its status changed to that of a Public Service Broadcaster, in order to ensure wider availability on Digital Terrestrial TV.

If the Secretary of State decides not to designate these channels as PSBs, Ofcom should consider using The Community Channel (and S4C Digitol in Wales) as its PSP, as it is an existing body that could carry out the proposed functions of the PSP.