

Question 1: Do you agree that public service provision and funding beyond the BBC is an important part of any future system?:

Question 2: Which of the three refined models do you think is most appropriate?:

Question 3: Do you agree that in any future model Channel 4 should have an extended remit to innovate and provide distinctive UK content across platforms? If so, should it receive additional funding directly, or should it have to compete for funding?:

Question 4: Do you think ITV1, Five and Teletext should continue to have public service obligations after 2014? Where ITV1 has an ongoing role, do you agree that the Channel 3 licensing structure should be simplified, if so what form of licensing would be most appropriate?:

Question 5: What role should competition for funding play in future? In which areas of content? What comments do you have on our description of how this might work in practice?:

Question 6: Do you agree with our findings that nations and regions news continues to have an important role and that additional funding should be provided to sustain it?:

Question 7: Which of the three refined models do you think is most appropriate in the devolved nations?:

Question 8: Do you agree with our analysis of the future potential for local content services?:

Question 9: Do you agree with our assessment of each possible funding source, in terms of its scale, advantages and disadvantages?:

Question 10: What source or sources of funding do you think are most appropriate for the future provision of public service content beyond the BBC?:

Question 11: Which of the potential approaches to funding for Channel 4 do you favour?:

Question 12: Do you agree that our proposals for 'tier 2' quotas affecting ITV plc, stv, UTV, Channel TV, Channel 4, Five and Teletext are appropriate, in the light of our analysis of the growing pressure on funding and audiences? priorities? If not, how should we amend them, and what evidence can you provide to support your alternative?:

Additional comments:

I urge Ofcom to stop ITV scaling down its regional news coverage. Under the IBA, a regional licence holder failing to meet its PSB obligations would simply have lost out to a rival when it came to the next franchise award. This system ensured the public got the best service. Indeed, prospective contractors fell over themselves to promise better local news than their rivals when applying for a franchise.

Ofcom's own investigation carried out by Essential Research found strong support for the present regional news offering in many areas, particularly in Cumbria. To lose these services would be a loss to local communities. News provision at local and national level is essential to ensure people are fully engaged in our democratic society and have information on which to make choices and decisions.

Holding a Channel 3 licence is a privilege and not a god given right for ITV plc. The company should not be allowed to wriggle out of its public service responsibilities in order to boost its profits.

Ofcom is supposed to be a public watchdog, not the cheerleader for a profit-driven commercial operator.