

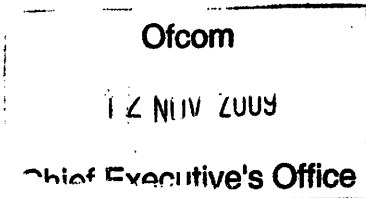


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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

Mr Ed Richards
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Dear Ed,

Audio Description

I have recently been contacted by the Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB) regarding their campaign for reform of the Communications Act (2003) to increase audio description targets to 20 per cent on all digital TV channels. I would like to support the RNIB's position during your review of television access services.

I believe that blind and partially sighted people, just like those with their sight, have a wide range of interests and would like to choose from a wider range of programmes on all channels. Therefore, I believe that audio description should be increased on all digital television channels, rather than the few public service broadcasters.

I would appreciate it if my comments could be taken into account during the consultation process. I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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