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What additional details do you want to keep confidential? :

Keep name confidential

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts? :

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Additional comments:

More on my alternative view for ITV's Regional services, which I believe should be here to stay.

Question 1: Do you agree that the existing obligations on Channel 3 and Channel 5 licensees in respect of national and international news and current affairs, original productions, and Out of London productions should be maintained at their current levels? If not, what levels do you consider appropriate, and why? :

As answered previously.

Question 2: Do you agree with ITV's proposals for changes to its regional news arrangements in England, including an increase in the number of news regions in order to provide a more localised service, coupled with a reduction in overall news minutage? :

An alternative to ITV's Regional News proposal.

Itv REGIONS NEWS & CURRENT AFFAIRS

Three 3 minute DAYBREAK bulletins now for the following Regions/Sub-Regions...(as present)

ITV NEWS LONDON, ITV NEWS MERIDIAN (SOUTH EAST), ITV NEWS MERIDIAN (SOUTH), ITV NEWS MERIDIAN (THAMES VALLEY), ITV NEWS WESTCOUNTRY (SOUTHERN), ITV NEWS WESTCOUNTRY (NORTHERN - OLD ITV WEST REGION), ITV NEWS CENTRAL (WEST), ITV NEWS CENTRAL (EAST), ITV NEWS ANGLIA (WEST), ITV NEWS ANGLIA (EAST), ITV NEWS GRANADA, ITV NEWS YORKSHIRE (CALENDAR NORTH), ITV NEWS YORKSHIRE (CALENDAR SOUTH), ITV NEWS TYNE TEES, ITV NEWS BORDER. Plus itv NEWS WALES, ITV NEWS CHANNEL ISLANDS, STV NEWS bulletins and UTV NEWS.

5 minute bulletin at 13:55 for the following Regions/Sub-Regions...(as present)

ITV NEWS LONDON, ITV NEWS MERIDIAN (SOUTH EAST), ITV NEWS MERIDIAN (SOUTH), ITV NEWS MERIDIAN (THAMES VALLEY), ITV NEWS WESTCOUNTRY (SOUTHERN), ITV NEWS WESTCOUNTRY (NORTHERN - OLD ITV WEST REGION), ITV NEWS CENTRAL (WEST), ITV NEWS CENTRAL (EAST), ITV NEWS ANGLIA (WEST), ITV NEWS ANGLIA (EAST), ITV NEWS GRANADA, ITV NEWS YORKSHIRE (CALENDAR NORTH), ITV NEWS YORKSHIRE (CALENDAR SOUTH), ITV NEWS TYNE TEES, ITV NEWS BORDER. Plus itv NEWS WALES, ITV NEWS CHANNEL ISLANDS, STV NEWS bulletins and UTV NEWS.

18:00 - 18:35 itv: NEWS presents ***TO BE NAMED***

A Regionally edited and presented* more News focused programme covering the latest International, National and Regional News, Sport and Weather co-produced by award winning ITN and the ITV Regions teams.

ITV NEWS LONDON, ITV NEWS MERIDIAN (SOUTH EAST), ITV NEWS MERIDIAN (SOUTH), ITV NEWS MERIDIAN (THAMES VALLEY), ITV NEWS WESTCOUNTRY (SOUTHERN), ITV NEWS WESTCOUNTRY (NORTHERN), ITV NEWS CENTRAL (WEST), ITV NEWS CENTRAL (EAST), ITV NEWS ANGLIA (WEST), ITV NEWS ANGLIA (EAST), ITV NEWS GRANADA, ITV NEWS YORKSHIRE (CALENDAR NORTH), ITV NEWS YORKSHIRE (CALENDAR SOUTH), ITV NEWS TYNE TEES, ITV NEWS BORDER. Despite the programme being more News focused, don't worry the programme will still finish with 'And Finally...!'

The Regional News programmes of ITV NEWS WALES, ITV NEWS CHANNEL ISLANDS, STV NEWS and UTV NEWS are now extended by 5 minutes. This proposal will also allow for these programmes to show National/International stories with access to footage from ITN's News team.

* [i]This is an another alternative to their '20 minute plan'. Remember it's the News gathering within the ITV Regions that costs the most money in Regional News programmes. Some of the programmes would be the same programme with sub-Regional News items added in (for example Meridian South East/Meridian South/Meridian Thames Valley). If Ofcom allowed the combining of the two ITV Evening News programmes, I feel a Regionally focused News programme that also covers National and International issues could be a realistic way of ITV maintaining some sort of Regional focus. This way ITV's News service could still also act as

major competition for the BBC (and be quite different to their offering).

18:35 (THURSDAY) ***TO BE NAMED***

A Regional Current Affairs for each of ITV's English/Border regions...ITV LONDON, ITV MERIDIAN, ITV WESTCOUNTRY, ITV CENTRAL, ITV ANGLIA, ITV GRANADA, ITV YORKSHIRE, ITV TYNE TEES, ITV BORDER. At this time itv WALES, itv CHANNEL ISLANDS, STV and UTV will opt-out of the network feed.

18:35 (FRIDAY) itv: NEWS presents...***TO BE NAMED*** (Project 'Friday!')

A new programme looking at Celebrity News and the lighter News in ITV's English regions/Wales and the Channel Islands. (Not STV/UTV).

5 minute bulletin at the end of News At Ten for the following Regions/Sub-Regions...

ITV NEWS LONDON, ITV NEWS MERIDIAN (SOUTH EAST), ITV NEWS MERIDIAN (SOUTH), ITV NEWS MERIDIAN (THAMES VALLEY), ITV NEWS WESTCOUNTRY (SOUTHERN), ITV NEWS WESTCOUNTRY (NORTHERN - OLD ITV WEST REGION), ITV NEWS CENTRAL (WEST), ITV NEWS CENTRAL (EAST), ITV NEWS ANGLIA (WEST), ITV NEWS ANGLIA (EAST), ITV NEWS GRANADA, ITV NEWS YORKSHIRE (CALENDAR NORTH), ITV NEWS YORKSHIRE (CALENDAR SOUTH), ITV NEWS TYNE TEES, ITV NEWS BORDER. Plus itv NEWS WALES, itv NEWS CHANNEL ISLANDS, STV NEWS bulletins and UTV NEWS.

On Saturday and Sunday, there would be a sub-regional 5 minute bulletin in the Evening as per ITV's proposal.

Question 3: Do you agree with UTV's proposal for non-news obligations should be reduced to 90 minutes a week? If not, what alternative would you propose and why? :

It should be the same as all other Channel 3 Licences in my opinion.

Question 4: Do you agree with the proposals by STV to maintain overall minutage for regional content in the northern and central licence areas of Scotland at 5 hours 30 minutes a week, as detailed in Annex 3? If not, what alternative would you propose, and why? :

Under my proposal all of STV's Non-News National programming will stay as present.

Question 5: Do you agree with the proposals by ITV to maintain the overall minutage for regional content in Wales at 5 hours 30 minutes a week, as detailed in Annex 3? If not, what alternative would you propose, and why? :

Under my proposal all of ITV Wales Non-News National programming will stay as present...though Wales would join ITV's 'Project Friday!' programme.

Question 6: Do you agree with the proposals by ITV to reduce the overall minutage for regional content in the Channel Islands from 4 hours a week to 3 hours 20 minutes as detailed in Annex 3, while maintaining the present

provision of a 30 minute early evening regional news programme? If not, what alternative would you propose, and why? :

Under my proposal all of ITV Channel Islands Non-News National programming will stay as present...though Wales would join ITV's 'Project Friday!' programme.

Question 7: Do you have any views on any other aspects of the nations and regions programming and production obligations of the Channel 3 licensees? :

As answered previously.

Question 8: Which option would you prefer in respect of the news and current affairs in the Border region, and why? :

As answered in question 2 + at least another half hour 'Current Affairs' programming as per ITV's proposal for the original Border region.

Question 9: If option 2 were to be adopted, should ITV be required to provide separate transmission for the Scottish and English parts of the region on DTT? :

Question 10: If you would prefer a different option to those set out in Questions 8 and 9 above, please explain what, and why:

As per question 2 and 8.

Question 11: Do you agree that the Border licence should be amended to reduce the proportion of regional production required to a sustainable level? If not, what proposals would you like to make? :

Question 12: What views do you have on the proposal by STV and UTV to extend peak time to 11pm, which would extend the window in which they could schedule regional content that must be shown in peak time? :

As answered previously.