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**What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:**

No

**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:**

**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 a resident in Dumfries in the South West of Scotland the current level is not appropriate. Prior to the move from Border TV to include Tyne Tees Tv the coverage was fine with an opt out opportunity for the South West of Scotland and Borders. A return to the opt out version should be made.

**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? :**

I agree that changes should be made and that they be made as described in Question 1.

**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? :**

UTV not available in Dumfries

**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? :**

I do not agree. Best keep to a cross Border as before. STV coverage would mean domination from the Central Scottish Belt. I am sure

**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? :**

I am sure Wales would feel as I do.

**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? :**

Ditto Channel Islands

**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? :**

I would like to see more regional programming ie. even Dumfries and Galloway Independent stations being allowed.

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

Revert back to the pre 2009 situation.

This would save us from overpowering Tyne Tees NE England irrelevant news coverage particularly at weekends.

**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? :**

Having not seen Option 2 or any other options I strongly believe there should be separate transmissions.

However an alternative would be the pre 2009 arrangements which was acceptable.

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

I think my point has been made.

**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? :**

No. Sustainable level suggests a reduction.

More regional output should be the goal for everyone.

**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?:**

Late viewing of regional news would be unacceptable.