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Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure

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Dear Jonathan,

Renewal of Channel 4 Licence – second consultation

I previously wrote to you on 10th October 2013 regarding your first consultation on the above. In that letter I indicated that the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure had received representations from a number of organisations who advocated a 17% quota for ‘out of England’ production within Channel 4’s licence.

Since Ofcom issued a second consultation, specifically on the ‘out of England’ quota, the Committee has been approached by stakeholders to support a 9% ‘out of England’ quota. At its meeting on 6th February 2014, the Committee agreed to endorse NI Screen’s submission to your second consultation.

The Committee still supports a 17% ‘out of England’ quota in the longer term; however, Members are willing to accept a 9% quota in the meantime that brings an appropriate sub-quota for Northern Ireland that is phased in.

I appreciate that the second consultation closed on 4th February 2014; however, I hope that you will accept this late submission given the Committee’s long-standing commitment to boosting the local content of film and television production.

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Yours sincerely,

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