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Dear Tony,

BBC pay


In November 2017 you gave evidence to the DCMS Committee about the BBC Annual Report. The session included discussion of the gender pay gap at the BBC. You told us that you had brought in external consultants to assist with a process of consultation meetings.

The Committee has followed this issue closely. As a result it is eager to hear the latest on the process, especially following Carrie Gracie's resignation from her role as China Editor on 7 January in protest at the gender pay gap.

Accordingly the DCMS Committee plans to hold an evidence session as soon as possible (and certainly by the end of January) to hear the results of your analysis. The Committee will take evidence at the same session from Carrie Gracie—and possibly other BBC reporters—about the gender pay gap.

As you will be aware, we are currently running an inquiry into Fake News. Members may also wish to ask questions relating to this inquiry.

Our preferred dates would be the morning of Tuesday 23 or the afternoon of Wednesday 24 January, or the same times the following week. I look forward to your response.



DAMIAN COLLINS MP

CHAIR, DCMS COMMITTEE