Ms Laura-Jane Tiley  
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Committee of Public Accounts  
House of Commons  
London SW1A 0AA  

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Dear Ms Tiley  

You have asked for clarification on how the BBC intends to respond to recommendations contained in the Reports of the Committee.  

I can confirm that we are of course happy to respond to all of the recommendations contained in reports of the Committee concerning the BBC.  

We are sorry for any misunderstanding concerning our response to the Committee’s Report on BBC Commercial Activities.  

Please find enclosed the BBC response to each of your recommendations raised. These were compiled for internal action immediately following receipt of your report. PAC recommendations are tracked by Internal Audit and monitored by the BBC’s Audit & Risk Committee, with any exceptions reported.  

We can confirm that, to date, the first three of your recommendations have been completed and the other three are being actively progressed.  

You will note that many of the issues raised are also covered in the BBC Commercial Review, which we sent to the Committee in December.  

These responses, and future responses are given in the context that, under its Charter, ‘the BBC must be independent in all matters concerning the fulfilment of its Mission and the promotion of the Public Purposes, particularly as regards editorial and creative decisions, the times and manner in which its output and services are supplied, and in the management of its affairs’; and should ‘duly consider the expectations of Parliament (including those of the Public Accounts Committee) which have been formally communicated to the BBC’.  

Yours sincerely  

Andrew Scadding  
Head of Corporate Affairs