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Dear Ms Comben,

Thank you for your email of 1 February, to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, the Rt Hon John Whittingdale MP, about S4C. I am replying as a member of the Ministerial Support Team.

The UK Government remains committed to supporting the valuable service S4C provides to Welsh speaking audiences, and that is why on 3 February the Secretary of State announced an increase to S4C's funding for 2016/17 which I hope you will have seen.

S4C will receive an additional £400,000 from the Government in 2016/17. This means there will be no reduction to the S4C budget in 2016/17 and their funding will be maintained at the levels set out in 2015/16.

The Government has listened carefully to views about the future of S4C and has also announced its intention to carry out a comprehensive review of the broadcaster in 2017. This will ensure that S4C is able to continue to provide a first-class service and have a sustainable future. The review will look at the remit, governance and funding of S4C to ensure the broadcaster can continue to meet the needs of Welsh speaking audiences in the future. The additional funding announced on 3 February will ensure financial stability through the review process.

I hope that you will welcome the announcement, which confirms the Government's commitment to the Welsh speaking audiences across the UK.

I hope that this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Ministerial Support Team

