



From the Director-General

25 January 2023

Dame Meg Hillier MP
Chair, Public Accounts Committee
House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA

Dear Chair

I was pleased to give evidence to the Committee on 12 January 2023 along with BBC Chief Operating Officer Leigh Tavaziva and BBC Chief Product Officer Storm Fagan. Thank you for the opportunity. We promised to follow up in writing on two points.

Radio Foyle

The Committee asked for details of whether BBC management would meet with Colum Eastwood MP and Gregory Campbell MP on our proposed changes to Radio Foyle.

I am pleased to confirm that Rhodri Talfan Davies, the BBC's Director of Nations, and Adam Smyth, Interim Director of BBC Northern Ireland, are meeting today with Mr Eastwood, Mr Campbell and Councillor Sandra Duffy, Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council. Rhodri and Adam have also written to Órfhlaith Begley MP to offer a meeting.

We look forward to discussing our plans and ambitions for Radio Foyle with the area's MPs and Mayor Sandra Duffy.

Product Group – Pay

You asked for clarification on what percentage of the BBC's pay bill is spent on those working in the Product Group.

I can confirm that currently 5.7% of the total BBC public service pay bill, year to date, is spent on those working in the Product Group.

I hope this information is useful and do not hesitate to get back in touch if I can be of any further assistance to the Committee.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'T. Davie'.

Tim Davie
Director-General