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Thank you for your letter of 12 October regarding the S4C review, and for making me aware of your concerns on the review process.

As you know, the government is committed to the future of Welsh language broadcasting and supporting the valuable service S4C provides to Welsh speaking audiences.

We are clear that the independent review will gather evidence from a wide range of stakeholders. This includes Welsh language and industry stakeholders and broadcasters, the Welsh Government, and other interested parties in Wales and across the UK.

I understand the review secretariat wrote to all key partners and stakeholders on 13 September to invite them to submit evidence to the review, and Eyrn Ogwen Williams has already had a number of meetings with stakeholders.

In addition to this, I would like to assure you that this independent review is an open process where the public and other interested stakeholders can also contribute their views on S4C. Eyrn will also gather evidence at two viewers' evening events which are open to all members of the public to give them the opportunity to contribute their views on S4C. I have attached the invites to these events scheduled to take place on 26 October in Llangefni and 7 November in Abergavenny.

In terms of the review timescales, Eyrn will report his recommendations to me in December, and the government will publish the review findings and recommendations soon afterwards. As you will be aware, I have also asked the review secretariat to extend the consultation until the end of October 2017. Please do feel free to invite interested parties to submit their views at S4Creview@culture.gov.uk.



Finally I have been assured that my officials emailed Mr O'Malley today with apologies for the delay in our response.

I am copying this letter to Alun Davies AM the Welsh Government Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language for information.

Yours ever

Karen

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