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The Rt Hon the Lord McLoughlin CH  
Chairman of the Delegated Powers and Regulatory  
Reform Committee  
House of Lords  
London  
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Dear Patrick,

**MEDIA ACT: RESPONSE OF HM GOVERNMENT**

I am writing to follow up on your Committee's report on the Media Bill, published on 20 March 2024. As always, I am grateful for the Committee's expert scrutiny and constructive recommendations.

As you will know, the Media Bill was selected for wash-up and completed its final Parliamentary stages on 23 May. As a result, Report Stage for the Media Bill came much sooner than anticipated. If the Bill had proceeded at a more conventional pace, I would have been able to respond thoroughly to the Committee's recommendations in advance of Report Stage and table any Government amendments to the Bill in line with the recommendations in your Report.

Nonetheless, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to you and the Committee for your detailed considerations on this vital piece of legislation.

I have copied this letter to the other members of the Committee and will place copies of both this letter in the Libraries of both Houses.

With best wishes,

Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay  
**Minister for Arts, Heritage and Libraries**

