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Dear Nicholas,

Thank you for your contribution to the Creative Industries debate on Creating Jobs and Productivity Growth which was held on Thursday 6 February 2025. During the debate I committed to write to you on discussions with the EU Commission on touring, and the upcoming UK-EU summit on 19 May.

The Government remains fully committed to supporting the UK's world-leading creative industries, including ensuring that our artists and performers can continue to tour and showcase their talents across the EU. We highly value our relationship with Europe and are eager to find solutions that facilitate continued cultural exchange.

While the agenda for the UK-EU summit is still being finalised, we are carefully considering the most effective avenues to address ongoing challenges related to touring. The Government is maintaining open and constructive dialogue both with the EU and EU Member States. Our aim is to identify practical solutions that support the creative and cultural sectors while respecting the regulatory frameworks on both sides.

We recognise the importance of the cultural ties between the UK and the EU and are committed to fostering a positive and collaborative relationship. I assure you that the Government remains attentive to the concerns of the creative and cultural sectors and will continue to engage constructively with our European counterparts on this matter, and my Private Office will arrange a meeting with you in due course.

I will deposit a copy of this letter in the libraries of both Houses.

With best wishes,

Baroness Twycross
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