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Dear Sir,

Reference the B.B.C's current charter, which expires at the end of 2006 and the review of the government which is taking place.

My 1st. point - as a T.V. licence payer and a regular viewer I must protest strongly at the decision to use my money to pay £4,500 to a convicted criminal - namely Brendan Fearon. This payment is supposedly being paid to him to participate to present a more "balanced" programme, although he only agreed to appear if he was paid.

By his criminal act Mr. Fearon was an accessory to the situation which caused the death of his criminal colleague and as such should not receive any payment from programmes relating to his case. Brendan Fearon's input is irrelevant and in a civilised society criminals should not be REWARDED for their criminal behaviour.

My 2nd. point is in reference to a very recent daytime programme on BSI. 9.15 AM. when a competent journalist, Sally Magnusson, net herself down by fronting a series of programmes on prostitution etc. etc. This type of programme should never be aired before the 9pm watershed - preferably aired after 10.30pm.

During the week these programmes were shown, many children were at home due to adverse weather (snow) and would have been accidentally exposed to topics way beyond their years, possibly giving them totally inappropriate ideas on NORMAL SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR.

Those responsible for the scheduling of these programmes have failed completely to acknowledge that normal values do still exist and must be accommodated.

Those responsible are totally unsuitable for their jobs which we pay for and should be dismissed.

I am not writing this letter as a pious "do-gooder" but as a woman of the world, mother and ex. nurse/midwife who has first hand experience of the real world - good and bad through my career. I do not NEED or WANT the Seamier side of life in my living room immediately following the early morning news instead of the more usual & acceptable daytime television programmes suitable for all ages.

The B.B.C.'s Royal Charter should encompass the comments above and prevent future misuse of public money.

Yours sincerely,

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