

BBC Charter Review Team,  
DFCMS,

21<sup>st</sup> April 2006

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my support for the proposals made by the government in the funding section of the BBC White Paper. Having read the White Paper, my own concerns about the operation and fairness of TV Licensing have been very well addressed.

In particular, I support section 10.2.7-Diversion from the criminal justice system and section 10.2.12 Accountability and the Trust's role.

Regarding section 10.2.12, I welcome the proposal to "place a specific duty on the BBC Trust to satisfy itself that the BBC's collection and enforcement activities, and those of its agents, are proportionate and consistent with the BBC's public service status." I also welcome section 10.2.9-the options under consideration for diverting licence evasion away from the criminal justice system. It is highly regrettable that the most punished are the often the least able to pay and 46 people being imprisoned in for non-payment of fines in 2004.

Perhaps the "no sets policy" can be reviewed as people with no TV have complained that they get intimidated. I think the "no sets policy" needs to be made clearer and also that enforcement letters should advise occupiers who rent with other people to consult their landlord as I have experienced problems in such a situation myself. It was hard to know what to do at the time. Anyway I think the proposals in the White Paper make a lot of sense and would be very helpful to the public if implemented.

Yours Sincerely,



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