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Party Political Broadcasting Consultation
Broadcasting Policy Division
Department for Culture, Media and Sport
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Dear Sir/Madam

I would refer to the consultation paper on Party Political Broadcasting, which was published on 22 July 2004, under cover of a letter from the Minister for Culture, Media and Sport.

The consultation paper has been discussed by our elected Members and the Council resolved that I should write outlining its view that there should be a requirement, not only on the BBC but on all television and radio stations for party political broadcasting, and that clear criteria should be introduced in terms of size of each political party and the length of air time, to ensure that the broadcasting is fair and equitable.

I trust that you will consider the Council's views on this subject as part of the consultation exercise.