

Digital Economy Bill

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After Clause 76

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Insert the following new Clause—

“Duty of OFCOM to make a recommendation on BBC funding

It shall be the duty of OFCOM to make a recommendation to the Secretary of State regarding appropriate levels of BBC funding in respect of the settlement from 1 April 2022.”

Insert the following new Clause—

“Duty of Secretary of State to consult and lay recommendation before Parliament

- (1) The Secretary of State shall conduct a full public consultation on appropriate levels of BBC funding.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall lay a report before Parliament with a recommendation as to an appropriate level of funding.”

Insert the following new Clause—

“Duty of the Secretary of State in determining funding settlement

- (1) The Secretary of State shall determine the final settlement for BBC funding for the period from 1 April 2022.
- (2) In determining the final settlement, the Secretary of State shall consider whether or not to accept OFCOM’s recommendation and, if the Secretary of State decides to reject that recommendation, the Secretary of State shall publish the reasons for the rejection.
- (3) In determining the final settlement, the Secretary of State shall also take account of —
 - (a) the views of the BBC Board;
 - (b) the results of the public consultation under section (*Duty of Secretary of State to consult and lay recommendation before Parliament*); and

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- (c) the need for effective fulfilment of the BBC's mission and purposes under the Royal Charter.”

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