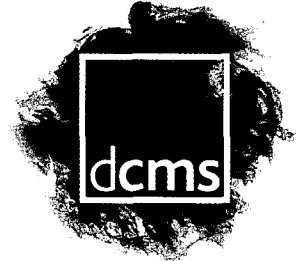


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Dear Ms Jowell

Thank you for your letter of 23 March enclosing correspondence from one of your constituents about the possibility of the BBC deciding to close BBC 6 Music.

I appreciate your constituent's comments and I recognise the strength of feeling that the BBC's proposals have raised. I must stress, however, that this is a matter for the BBC. Under the terms of the BBC's Charter and Agreement, the BBC is operationally and editorially independent of Government and there is no provision for the Government to intervene in these matters.

The Government believes it is important that the Corporation is aware of the concerns of television licence payers. The BBC Trust has recently published an online public consultation on the BBC's proposed strategy.

If your constituents have not already done so, they may wish to make their views known by completing the online consultation:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbctrust/news/press\\_releases/march/strategic\\_review.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbctrust/news/press_releases/march/strategic_review.shtml)

With best wishes,

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(Approved by the Secretary of State  
and signed in his absence)