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Dear Tessa,

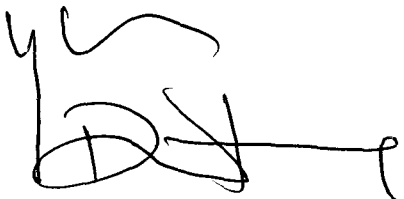
Thank you for your letter dated 4 February 2010 to Rt Hon Ben Bradshaw MP regarding correspondence you received from a number of your constituents regarding the Government's response to the consultation on copyright exceptions for the public performance of broadcast and recorded music. I am responding as Minister for intellectual property.

This country is a creative country. This Government has long recognised the value of creativity and investment. We recognise and value the contribution of the artists who have made that possible. 90 per cent of PPL members earn £15,000 or less per annum and we must make sure that musical performers and record producers are properly rewarded for their efforts. That is why we are seeking to repeal the current charitable exemptions.

Equally, the Third Sector plays an important role in our society. Government investment in this sector has increased from £8.4 billion in 2001 to £12 billion in 2009. We also set up The Office of the Third Sector in 2006 to develop an environment which allows that sector to thrive and to continue to provide for those at risk of social exclusion.

It is important that we find a balance here which is fair to both sides and is consistent with EU and international law: one that rewards and encourages creative effort, whilst protecting the third sector from excessive burdens and disruption as they continue to provide their vital services.

I am pleased that your constituents support the Government's proposal to repeal the current exemptions. As part of this process it is essential that PPL work with the Third Sector to agree reasonable and appropriate tariffs. The Government wants to ensure that these discussions are facilitated so that the outcome is satisfactory for all concerned. A mutually agreed solution is vital if the needs of both sides are to be met. I remain confident that this will be possible.



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