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Dear Sirs,

I am concerned about some of the proposed changes to the quotas for BBC channels.

Firstly, I note the changes to BBC Online. I use this site almost daily, mainly as a source of national and local news. But I see that the requirement to provide news specific to each of the devolved nations has been dropped; this is a significant disappointment.

As for the other proposals: I rarely watch television, but I do regularly listen to BBC Radio 3, Radio 4, Radio 4 Extra, and Radio Scotland.

On Radio 4, the loss of original drama and readings is really sad – especially when drama is also being dropped from Radio 3. Personally, I would be quite glad to see drama leaving Radio 3: I turn on Radio 3 when I want music. But I do want to be able to hear plays and stories on Radio 4.

As for Radio 4 Extra – it appears there is no longer any direction for this channel at all, since all quotas have been dropped. I currently enjoy a lot of readings, plays and classic comedy shows; what will happen to these?

The loss of arts coverage on BBC Radio Scotland is also a retrograde step, in my opinion. We Scots do need to be reminded of all the creativity which is currently going on here.

And what is to happen to comedy, which apparently has been dropped from ALL channels? In these difficult times, we all need some laughter.

I hope you will be able to take some of these comments into consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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