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Keep nothing confidential

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Question 1: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposal to license digital self helps for areas currently served by a self help relay, and how we propose to make available licences? If not, please give your reasons.:

Scottish Screen is the national government backed agency responsible for developing all aspects of screen industry and culture across Scotland. Television is the most pervasive medium in people's lives and has a key role to play in the development of screen industry and culture across Scotland.

Scottish Screen therefore welcomes this opportunity to comment on Ofcom's Consultation on self help TV relays and digital switchover, particularly in the context of the disproportionately large number of households in Scotland which are potentially affected (as indicated in Annex 7 of Ofcom's consultation document).

We believe that the over-riding principle should be that every household that currently receives free public service broadcasting via analogue should continue to be able to do so via digital. We would like to see further clarification of the criteria which Ofcom will use to determine: (1) whether or not a digital self help relay is still needed to receive terrestrial television after DSO, both for areas currently served via analogue self help relay and areas not currently served by a self help relay; and (2) whether or not spectrum can be made available.

Question 2: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposal to license digital self helps for areas not currently served by a self help relay, and how we propose to make available licences? If not, please give your reasons.:

See answer to Question 1 above.

Question 3: Do you agree with how Ofcom proposes to deal with the frequency planning for self help relays? If not, please give your reasons.:

Question 4: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposed fee for WTA licences for self help relays? If not, please give your reasons.:

Additional comments: