

Bethan Jenkins AM
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Committee
National Assembly for Wales

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BBC Annual Report and Accounts

Dear Bethan,

At the Public Accounts Committee meeting on 11 July, the Committee discussed the possibility of undertaking scrutiny work of the BBC's audited accounts as part of its annual scrutiny of accounts. This follows the agreement of a revised Memorandum of Understanding arising from the BBC Charter review/Welsh Government and a recommendation by the previous Public Accounts Committee that this should be an area of work for its successor Committee in the 5th Assembly.

The Auditor General for Wales advised the Committee that as he has no powers to review the BBC's accounts nor its activities in Wales, there are limits to the support that he could provide to any Committee scrutiny in this area. However, whilst this would not prevent the Public Accounts Committee from considering the accounts I wanted to write to you as Chair of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee to ask whether you intend to consider the BBC's annual report, and if so whether you would be willing to consider the accounts as part of this scrutiny

Yours sincerely,



Nick Ramsay AM
Chair

