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Dear Mr Entwistle

JOB CUTS AT BBC SCOTLAND

On 30 October 2012 the Education and Culture Committee took evidence from the National Union of Journalists and BECTU on the issue of job cuts at BBC Scotland. A copy of the Official Report (the substantially verbatim account of proceedings) is available [here](#). During that session a number of comments were made about the readiness and capacity of BBC Scotland to prepare for and handle forthcoming major events, such as the Commonwealth Games and the independence referendum, and about staff morale at BBC Scotland. The Committee wishes to offer the BBC the opportunity to respond.

I am therefore inviting Ken MacQuarrie, Director of BBC Scotland, and you to give oral evidence to the Committee to present the BBC's position on the issues raised. The Committee is happy to schedule a session with you on any one of the following dates at your convenience—

- Tuesday 4 December;
- Tuesday 11 December; or
- Tuesday 18 December.

Your predecessor, Mark Thompson, gave evidence to the Committee on 29 May 2012 alongside Mr MacQuarrie and Bruce Malcolm, Chief Operating Officer, BBC Scotland. The BBC previously advised the Committee that it did not wish to appear

before the Committee as it had nothing further to add to this evidence. However, as six months will have elapsed since that appearance and in light of the comments made at the meeting on 30 October, the Committee encourages you in the strongest possible terms to come to the Committee and present the BBC's position.

Once a convenient date has been arranged, the committee clerks will provide you with more detailed administrative arrangements for your appearance.

I am writing in similar terms to Mr MacQuarrie and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stewart Maxwell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

**STEWART MAXWELL MSP
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