



Treasury Chambers, Parliament Street, SWIP 3AG 01-233-3000

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The Rt. Hon. Douglas Hurd MP Secretary of State for the Home Office

Dear Home Secretary,

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I have seen your minute of 12 November to the Prime Minister.

I would have thought it possible to cope within the framework of a two year extension. However, if the extra year will remove potential opposition from the IBA, and in addition gives us a safety margin in preparing new broadcasting legislation, then I see no reason to object to a three year extension instead.

I am copying this minute to the Prime Minister, the Lord President, the Secretary of State for Wales, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and the Chief Whip, and also to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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Your sincerely Alesc Allan

(approved by the Chancellow and signed in his absence).

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