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cc. Rhodri Talfan Davies
Director of BBC Cymru Wales

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Pwnc | Subject: **BBC Breakfast and news bulletins from Wales**

Dear Ken,

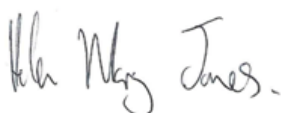
Thank you for your letter dated 16 April 2020. It was considered by the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee at its meeting on 12 May.

The Committee was concerned that on two occasions in the letter you referred to the national news of Wales as 'local news'.

We would like to remind the BBC that Wales is a nation, with its own legislature and government. Wales can make its own laws and policies on COVID-19, and as you will be aware, the Welsh Government has taken a different approach to easing the lockdown to that of the UK Government. With different demographics and different lockdown laws in place in different parts of the UK, it is vital that the public receive accurate and relevant information about the virus and the rules which apply to them.

We therefore call on the BBC to improve its coverage of devolved issues. Misreporting, or even not reporting at all, on devolved issues could have serious consequences and it is now more important than ever that all news bulletins provided by the BBC reflect devolution. As things currently stand, we cannot be confident that the news the people of Wales are receiving during the Breakfast show accurately reflects what is happening in Wales.

Yours sincerely,



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