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I write to you as Members of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee of the Senedd regarding Global Media's plans to end Welsh programmes on their Welsh stations, specifically Capital Cymru.

Although Global has not confirmed the plans, I've been informed by several people within the company that the 21st February will be the final day of Welsh language programmes.

Bearing in mind that the situation of Capital Cymru has been raised in the Senedd chamber on a number of occasions recently, I would like to ask if this matter will be on the agenda of the Culture, Communications, Welsh language, Sport and International Relations Committee meeting that will be held on the 19th of this month?

Also, has the Committee contacted Global or OFCOM regarding the situation.

In addition, does the Committee intend to investigate this situation specifically or the commercial sector in general?

As producer of a weekly podcast on broadcasting - [The Wales Podcast Program - Apple Podcasts](#) - the future of commercial radio in Welsh is an important issue to me.

I have produced two feature articles in recent weeks relating to Capital Cymru that included extracts of Senedd discussions. The episodes were among the most popular since the podcast was established.

[Rhaglen Cymru Podcast - Apple Podcasts](#)

Listen to andybmedia's Rhaglen Cymru podcast on Apple Podcasts. "Rhaglen Cymru" (Wales' Programme) has a spare copy of 'Chwyldro ym myd darlledu' –("A Revolution in the field of broadcasting") a book on Wales' first independent radio station, edited by Siân Sutton.

[podcasts.apple.com](https://podcasts.apple.com)

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For your information, and as a clear sign of the change in the world of media, this Welsh language podcast is produced on the land of the Ngunnawl and Ngambri, the native people of Canberra! I have settled in Australia since 1988 following a period working in local radio and the BBC in Swansea and Cardiff, and I continue to report for BBC Cymru Wales on a fairly regular basis.

There is an invitation for any Members to chat on the podcast - the medium is Zoom.

Thank you

Best wishes,

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