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Response to BBC and Peers comments

Thank you for contacting me about the BBC and recent comments made by Lord Fowler and Lord Inglewood.

I firmly believe that the BBC is part of the fabric of this country, and is a great source of pride. The Government certainly does too, and I can assure you wants it to thrive in years to come.

The review of the BBC's Charter is the opportunity for a public debate on all aspects of the BBC. I know that the Government is committed to a thorough and open process, and is welcoming everyone's views. It will be using the views from a Charter Review Green Paper consultation together with other evidence, such as research it has commissioned and independent reviews, to develop the proposals for the next BBC Royal Charter. It will be setting out the next stage of the Charter Review - a White Paper - in the spring, and I look forward to hearing more about its proposals then.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kinds regards,

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