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Clause 1

VISCOUNT COLVILLE OF CULROSS

Clause 1, page 3, line 11, leave out subsection (6) and insert -

- "(6) The requirements in this subsection are that
 - (a) the relevant television services (taken together) comprise a public service for the dissemination of information and for the provision of education and entertainment,
 - (b) the range of audiovisual content genres made available by the public service broadcasters (taken together) include but not be limited to content about
 - (i) religion and other beliefs,
 - (ii) science,
 - (iii) arts and cultural content,
 - (iv) social issues,
 - (v) matters of international significance, and
 - (vi) matters of specialist interest, and
 - (c) there is a sufficient quantity and range of programmes within each genre."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would statutorily require Ofcom to report on whether public service broadcasters have made available an appropriate amount and range of programmes in named societally valuable public service genres both on broadcast channels and on their online Broadcast Video on Demand (BVOD) platforms. Without specifying these genres in law Ofcom will not be required to monitor them.

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