

Media Bill

AMENDMENTS
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After Clause 7

BARONESS THORNTON

After Clause 7 insert the following new Clause –

“Delivery of public service content on relevant television services

After section 264A of the Communications Act 2003, insert –

“264B Delivery of public service content on relevant television services

- (1) OFCOM must monitor the extent to which the public service remit for television in the United Kingdom is met in respect of relevant television services.
- (2) If OFCOM considers that the public service remit for television in the United Kingdom is not being met in respect of such services, it may set whatever programming quotas it considers necessary to ensure that the remit is met.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, “relevant television services” means –
 - (a) the television broadcasting services provided by the BBC;
 - (b) the television programme services that are public services of the Welsh Authority (within the meaning of section 207);
 - (c) every Channel 3 service;
 - (d) Channel 4;
 - (e) Channel 5.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would give OFCOM powers to measure the delivery of public service content on the linear services of the public service broadcasters, and set quotas if it considered the current level to be unsatisfactory. This is to ensure access to content for viewers reliant on linear TV services.

Clause 42

LORD STOREY

Clause 42, page 83, leave out line 25 and insert—

- “(a) be made using a process OFCOM shall create within six months of the passing of the Media Act 2024 to enable application on a continuous basis, and”

BARONESS BERRIDGE

Clause 42, page 83, line 26, at end insert—

- “(c) allow relevant entrants to be granted an FM License where the rurality and topography of the area limit the availability of digital services.”

LORD STOREY

Clause 42, page 83, leave out line 28 and insert—

- “(a) be made in such a manner as OFCOM shall determine within six months of the passing of the Media Act 2024, and”

After Clause 48

LORD FOSTER OF BATH

After Clause 48, insert the following new Clause—

“Review: Impact of this Act on OFCOM’s functions, general powers and duties in Part 1 of the Communications Act 2003

- (1) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a review of the impact of provisions in this Bill on OFCOM’s functions, general powers and duties in Part 1 of the Communications Act 2003.
- (2) The review under subsection (1) must be laid before Parliament within one year of the passing of this Act.”

LORD FOSTER OF BATH

After Clause 48, insert the following new Clause—

“Application of Section 320 of the Communications Act 2003 to news and current affairs on radio services

- (1) Section 319 of the Communications Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) At end of subsection (8) insert “, and for radio services “news” includes current affairs.”

LORD FOSTER OF BATH

After Clause 48, insert the following new Clause –

“Review of amending Section 319 to include an enhanced duty of due impartiality on radio services

- (1) The Secretary of State must review whether Section 319 of the Communications Act 2003 should be amended.
- (2) The review must consider whether Section 319(2)(c) should remove all words after "television" and insert ", and when radio services dealing with news and matters set out in section 320(2) are presented or hosted by individuals with well-known political allegiances, OFCOM shall have an enhanced duty to ensure such matters are treated with due impartiality "
- (3) The review must be conducted and published within one year of Royal Assent of this Act.”

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