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Broadcasting Commission in Scotland

The First Minister for Scotland, Alex Salmond, announced today that he is to establish a Scottish Broadcasting Commission to look into the future of the creative industries in Scotland. The Chairman of the Commission will be Blair Jenkins, former Head of News and Current Affairs at BBC Scotland.

Commenting, Voice of the Listener & Viewer (VLV) chairman, Jocelyn Hay, said:

"Voice of the Listener & Viewer welcomes the statement by the First Minister for Scotland that he is to establish a Broadcasting Commission to look into the future of the creative industries in Scotland. I understand the Commission will meet during the autumn, prior to submitting its report early in 2008. Blair Jenkins is well experienced and well respected. He has spoken at events in Scotland held by Voice of the Listener & Viewer during his time at the BBC.

VLV will be glad to cooperate with the Commission in its proceedings and will prepare a written submission in due course. In the meantime we look forward to participating in and to encouraging the conversation within civic society that the Commission will be developing about the future of public service broadcasting and the creative industries in the digital age."

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Editors' note:

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