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Dear Malcolm

I write with reference to the impending switchover to digital TV, scheduled to commence in the Western Isles area in 2010, and the effect this might have on those living in the Western Isles's rural areas.

I understand there are some community owned repeater stations in place at the moment but that more may be needed in the future. I appreciate that Freesat boxes are also now available for individuals to purchase but I would like to see communities in need of repeater stations supported.

Do you envisage that Comhairle nan Eilean Siar will be in a position to offer financial support to those communities who may need it?

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely



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