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Response to Fox – Sky Bid – March 2017

Thank you for contacting me about the Sky bid.

Due to my role as the PPS (Parliamentary Private secretary) to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, The Rt. Hon. Karen Bradley MP and the whole Ministerial Team at DCMS, we have to stick to a very strict protocol to process impartiality.

This is because of the impartial role which the Secretary of State plays as the decision maker in a quasi-judicial manner. This decision has to be taken in a lawful, fair and impartial manner.

It is for the above reason that I cannot respond to emails asking me to lobby the SoS nor can I offer my own views.

The Secretary of State gave an oral statement to the House of Commons on Monday the 6th March 2017 in relation to this issue which may be of further interest to you:

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2017-03-06/debates/045187F9-4209-47B1-B7B9-BA1AD6473DCE/Sky21stCenturyFoxProposedMerger>

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards,

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