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Dear Mr Ashton,

Thank you for your letter of 1 September to the Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Theresa May MP, about the BBC and the iPlayer. Your letter has been passed to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) as this issue falls within the Department's remit. I am replying as a member of the Ministerial Support Team and I apologise for the delay.

As you are aware, the Government has now brought forward secondary legislation which extends the current TV licensing framework, so that a licence is needed to watch all content on BBC iPlayer. With regards to the details around implementation of verification control mechanisms, the Government believes that it is for the BBC to consider the most appropriate way of deciding these, and will support development as necessary.

I hope this information is helpful and thank you for sharing your views on the iPlayer.

Yours sincerely,

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**Ministerial Support Team**

