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I am writing in relation to your contribution in Plenary on 16 June during the debate on the free-to-air listed events review.

You referred to the fact that while watching coverage of the Urdd Eisteddfod in London on S4C2 a message came on the screen to say that S4C did not have the right to play the music .

Without knowing exactly which competition you were watching, it was probably copyright issues that were responsible for the inability to broadcast the music. There is a right to perform pieces (under PRS) but naturally a further right is needed to broadcast and sometimes, depending on the composers, it is sometimes difficult to secure that right.

I hope that this clarifies the situation.

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