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Dear Mr Meleady

I refer to your recent correspondence to Martin Cullen TD, Minister for Arts, Sport & Tourism, in relation to the Broadcasting (Major Events Television Coverage) Acts and (Designation of Major Events) Order 2003.

In the context of the Review that is currently being undertaken by your Department, this Department submits that, in addition to the events already designated, consideration should be given to the following events being designated as events of major importance to society for which the right of a qualifying broadcaster to provide coverage on a live or deferred basis on television services should be permitted in the public interest:

- Athletics** – European Championships
- Boxing** – European & World Championships
- Golf** – Irish Open
- GAA** – All Ireland Senior Football and Hurling Semi-Finals & Quarter Finals
- Rugby** – Six Nations (live)
- Horse Racing** – Fairyhouse (Easter), Punchestown, Galway, Listowel, Leopardstown (Christmas)
- Greyhound Racing** – Irish Derby Final

However, the designation of these events would involve consultation with the relevant National Governing Bodies.

Yours sincerely

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