SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION FROM INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS SCOTLAND

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Since all witnesses gave evidence, we've had two more meetings with Scottish Enterprise and Creative Scotland. Scottish Enterprise have come up with a pilot project to work with selected companies on company support: it seems to us that the intention is to educate SE on film production. We hoped for a bigger, more inclusive vision, with SE and CS working together. We stated from the outset that we considered the SE proposal to be divisive and inappropriate to the needs of IPS and its individual members. It is the considered view of IPS that CS should take on the responsibility for commercial and industrial development in the film sector, with appropriate funds to be transferred by Government from SE to CS to enable them to carry out these additional business development responsibilities and duties. The IPS Board are therefore rejecting SE's offer on the basis that it's not constructive, and in fact divisive.