



**“DATGANOLI”
Broadcast on 27 September 2007**

AN APOLOGY TO LORD MORRIS OF ABERAVON QC

On 27 September 2007, an episode of the documentary series “Datganoli” relating to the history of devolution in Wales was broadcast on S4C.

The programme presented an authored view of the origins of the devolution settlement contained within the Wales Act 1978.

Since the broadcast, Lord Morris has complained to S4C about the programme.

Lord Morris was the Secretary of State for Wales at the time of the 1979 devolution referendum and also during the passage of the Wales Act 1978 through Parliament. An interview with Lord Morris was broadcast within the programme; however the interview did not give Lord Morris the opportunity to respond to the main thesis put forward during the programme.

After considering the complaint, we accept that Lord Morris was treated unfairly during the programme, specifically that the programme breached Rule 5.9 and Rule 7.11 of the Ofcom Broadcasting Code.

The programme failed to include sufficient alternative viewpoints relating to the programme’s main thesis; and therefore breached Rule 5.9; and

The programme did not give Lord Morris an appropriate and timely opportunity to respond to the main thesis cited in the programme relating to the origin of the devolution settlement; and therefore breached Rule 7.11.

We acknowledge that these elements of the programme were unfair to Lord Morris.

S4C would like to apologise sincerely to Lord Morris for any distress caused to him by the broadcast of the programme.