
Ministry of Justice data shows that there continues to be a significant gender disparity in the prosecution of people for licence fee evasion, with more women than men being prosecuted.

In 2015 the Government's Perry review found that the BBC was not operating a discriminatory policy¹ but recommended that the BBC should look at the issue in more detail. Therefore in 2017, the BBC conducted an in-depth review and found that underlying societal factors drive this disparity.

A number of actions arising from the review were implemented but the position has not changed. Given nearly five years have now passed the BBC

The review will aim to:

- Review the relevance / impact of the underlying societal factors identified in the last review;
- Identify whether there are other additional factors that are driving the disparity;
- Identify if there are other changes that can be made to TVL processes that could help to mitigate the disparity;
- Complete impact assessments of any mitigations that might be identified, taking into account the impact on the gender disparity and whether proportionate solutions can be found to reduce the disparity

The Review will not consider:

- whether TV Licence fee evasion should be decriminalised
- the Licence fee as the model for funding the BBC
- Licence fee collections of over-75 year olds

This will be an internal review and will be carried out by the BBC with input from an Independent Advisor. The role of the Advisor will be to provide an impartial and objective review and challenge of the process and to provide feedback on or development of insights and/or mitigations.

The Independent Advisor will have an interest and/ or ex/F1 11.04f1 0 0 1 742 1.74Tm0 g0 G(a)-(ki)5(n)4

