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Dear Mr Barber

Thank you for your letter which has been passed to me for reply by Barbara Slater, BBC Director of Sport. Roger Mosey is now the BBC Director of London 2012.

Let me say from the outset that I share some of your disappointment. We had plans to show every final session of the Shooting, live on the red button and broadband. Sadly, we were unable to do so, because of a lack of coverage provided by the host broadcaster in Delhi. We were well aware of the interest in the Sport and had hoped that this would go some way to satisfy demand. However all too frequently, we were dependent on poor quality, filmed ENG coverage which was not made available to broadcasters until gone midnight on the day and therefore far too late for our programmes. Ironically, we did get live coverage of some of the medal ceremonies so we were sometimes in the position of reporting the news over these pictures rather than the action.

Overall, we did our best to report the successes of home nations Shooters but the lack of pictures was a real handicap. Reporters from the BBC team were often at the venue to record interviews too and these were used across our output which also included the website, the nations and regions output as well as TV and Radio. However, the circumstances were far from ideal and we are sorry that we were not able to do a better job. Sadly, Delhi proved to be a very difficult working environment and it certainly compromised much of our overall output.

The position with London 2012 is far better. We have made a public promise to transmit all the host broadcaster coverage of the Olympics which includes the Shooting. The standard of coverage should be very good. In the meantime, we will follow the progress of the British shooting team on the BBC Sport website in a dedicated section.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/sport1/hi/other\\_sports/shooting/default.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/sport1/hi/other_sports/shooting/default.stm)

We look forward to celebrating their achievements in 2012.

Thank you for your interest.

Yours sincerely



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