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PROGRESS ON IRISH LANGUAGE BROADCASTING AND ULSTER - SCOTS ACADEMY

The Secretary of State, Paul Murphy MP, today announced his intention to provide support to Irish Language broadcasting and that work has started on establishing a business case for an Ulster - Scots academy.

Announcing the decision, Mr Murphy said: **"I am pleased to announce that proposals to provide support for Irish Language film and television are currently being developed. Subject to a satisfactory business case, a fund, which will be in the region of £12m over 3 years, will be confirmed during the summer months.**

"I am also pleased to announce that, in line with the Government's commitment in the Joint Declaration to encourage support to be made available to an Ulster-Scots academy, work has now begun on the development of a business case".

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