

Dear Noel,

Further to your letter received 19 July, the Commission has received the attached response from Pedro Delgado. I am yet to receive anything substantive from the other two complainants.

As you will see, Mr Delgado maintains that:

- He did not travel the world at the expense of the taxpayer as over 50% of the funding for his trips came from a charitable donation.
- Contrary to the suggestion in the coverage, he is an NI resident and does not live in the US.
- The article contains unnecessary personal information – such as his sporting achievements.
- The photograph – taken from Facebook and cropped – was intrusive.

The complainant has rejected your offer to publish a letter and has instead requested a prominent apology.

It may be that this is a matter best put to the Commission for its consideration under the Code. However, before a decision can be made as to how to move forward, I think I need your specific response to the following:

- 1) For clarity, can you explain precisely how the image of Mr Delgado was obtained? Was the Facebook page open to any member of the public? (Apologies if this is going over old ground).
- 2) There appears to be an outstanding issues with regards to the funding of the trips/training. Whilst I cannot speak for the Commission, it may be that – given the complainant's assertion that the trips were primarily funded by a charity specialising in professional development – a clarification is required on this point. Is this something you might consider? I would be more than happy to help draft a suitable wording.

I should be interested to know your thoughts on the above – and any other comments you may wish to make in light of the complainant's reply – within the next seven days, or sooner, if possible.

Kind regards and many thanks for your ongoing assistance in this matter,
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