

From the Chairman

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Dear Tim

The board of the Press Complaints Commission, which met yesterday, has asked me to let you know that it hopes that every effort will continue to be made to resolve the issues between PressBoF and Richard Desmond. For its part, the PCC – mindful of its duty to the public and the importance of maintaining the integrity of self-regulation – unanimously decided to continue taking complaints about Express Newspapers.

It also unanimously decided that Peter Hill's membership of the Commission was untenable, and that the NPA should be requested to nominate his successor without further delay.

With kind regards.

Sir Christopher Meyer

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Mr Richard Desmond
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Dear Richard

As indicated in my email of 3 April, the PressBoF Board met last week. After discussion and in view of your offer to consider resuming payment of PressBoF fees from 2009, a recommendation was made to the PCC that complaints against Express Newspapers should continue to be adjudicated for the remainder of this calendar year. At its meeting yesterday, the PCC decided to proceed in this manner. This position is clearly dependent upon Express Newspaper editors continuing to cooperate fully with the PCC in the adjudication process.

Whilst I hope that you might still be willing to reconsider your position insofar as 2008 is concerned, I will in any event contact you later this year to discuss the payment of fees from 2009 onwards.

Yours sincerely



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Chairman