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(by email only)

Dear Sir

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – OUR REF FOI0002

Thank you for your request for information received on 10 March 2016, which has been dealt with under the terms of the PRP's Freedom of Information (FOI) policy. You asked for the following information:

1. How many regulators are currently recognised as meeting the Royal Charter criteria for recognition?
2. How many applications for recognition you have received since your organisation was established?

You also asked an ancillary question – Does the PRP have any power to act against press regulators who have not received or not applied for recognition, in order to bring them in line with the Royal Charter criteria?

In response to your first question, I can confirm that there are currently no press regulators that have been recognised as meeting the Royal Charter criteria for recognition.

In relation to your second question, I can confirm that since the PRP opened for applications from press regulators on 10 September 2015, we have received one application, from a regulator called IMPRESS. You can read IMPRESS's application on our website here:

<http://pressrecognitionpanel.org.uk/prp-call-for-information-impRESS-application-for-recognition/>

As you will see, a 'call for information' closed on 4 March and IMPRESS now have the opportunity to respond to any of the points raised by third parties. We will then validate and verify IMPRESS's application along with any additional information

received. This will be followed by a meeting of the PRP Board, who will make the final decision on whether or not the application meets the requirements of the Charter. This meeting will be open to the public.

It is not currently possible to say how long the application process will take, but we will keep the public informed of the timescales via updates to our website.

In relation to your ancillary question, I can confirm that your understanding is correct - the PRP does not have any powers to act in relation to press regulators who have not received or who have not applied for recognition. The system is voluntary and unless a regulator applies to us and becomes recognised, it remains completely outside our remit.

I hope this response is helpful but if you are dissatisfied with this response, you should refer to the complaints procedure as set out in our FOI policy, which is available on our website [here](#). As the PRP is not subject to the Act, I should advise you that there is no right of complaint to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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