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Ms Susie Uppal  
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Dear Ms Uppal,

**Call for information on the success of the recognition system so far**

We were alerted to a consultation on the Press Recognition Panel's (PRP) website seeking a "full range of perspectives about the success of the recognition system so far". There is very little to comment upon.

In 2017 Impress, a "regulator" wholly funded by anti-press campaigner Max Mosley, was given 'approval' by the Press Recognition Panel. This is the only tangible development since the PRP was created, but that decision itself is not without criticism and we await the ruling of the Court on an application for judicial review by the NMA.

As you are aware every single local, regional and national newspaper group has rejected any form of regulation "approved" by the state. It will continue to do so.

It is inconceivable any other "regulator" will ever seek recognition from the PRP. This poses fundamental questions about the role of the PRP, of which the Board will no doubt be aware.

In relation to funding, given that the PRP expects to charge £220,000 per annum per "approved" regulator in order to fund itself there are self-evidently significant problems ahead. Notwithstanding Max Mosley's money (albeit with convoluted mechanisms) would be funding PRP, there have been government assurances that the Press Recognition Panel won't receive any more taxpayer money. This will leave the PRP with a significant financial funding gap.

We hope you find our perspective useful.

Yours sincerely

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