

Attendance note 20/07/2016

Patrick Reeve (PR) met Jonathan Heawood (JH) at IMPRESS' office to review the correspondence/e-mails between IMPRESS and IPRT/AMCT and Max Mosley.

JH took PR through the correspondence file and the history of the dealings. In the build up to the creation of IMPRESS as a separate CIC, money was given to the IMPRESS Project from various sources – including JK Rowling, the Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust and David Sainsbury. PR was given a copy of a table showing these donations. There was one direct donation of £40,000 by Max Mosely to the IMPRESS Project in July 2015 as they needed running costs because the process of set up and approval of IMPRESS CIC as a regulator was taking longer than anticipated.

There had been the following contact between the IMPRESS CIC Chair/Board members and IPRT/AMCT or Max Mosley:

4 November 2014 – Walter Merricks, JH, Caroline Instance and Tom Murdoch (both IMPRESS appointment panel) met with Dominic Crossley for AMCT. This was after Walter Merricks was appointed and before the other Board members were appointed. Walter Merricks wanted to reassure himself that funding would be available before the other Board members were recruited and this assurance was given.

11 August 2015 Walter Merricks and JH met Dominic Crossley (AMCT) and the IPRT trustees to discuss the terms of the funding arrangements between AMCT and IPRT and IPRT and IMPRESS. Walter Merricks and JH had concerns during the meeting that IPRT trustees were not being clear enough on the guarantee of funding to IMPRESS (in order to protect their own position as trustees). It was important that funding was secure and there could be no opportunity or the appearance of an opportunity for interference by IPRT or the funders.

20 August 2015 – Walter Merricks and JH met Max Mosley as trustee of AMCT to ascertain whether there was any obstacle on the latter's part to the correct provisions to secure the funding and independence. Max Mosley confirmed that there was not and that he supported the need for independence and sustainability.

PR and JH discussed the term of the funding agreement – at the moment the IPRT funding takes IMPRESS up to April 2020 i.e. four years from the date of application. However, because IMPRESS are underspending, they now consider that their funding will take them up to autumn 2020. PR said that it would be helpful if IMPRESS confirmed this in writing and JH agreed to do this.