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Subject: Further questions

Dear Jonathan,

As you will be aware we have been continuing to analyse the responses received during the call for information to see what further inquiries we need to make to ensure we have the necessary information to assess the IMPRESS application for recognition.

I hope you have found it useful to have some notice of the questions which we would like to explore with you.

In my letter of 11 May I raised some questions about the arbitration process (criterion 22). As you know respondents to the second call for information have repeated concerns about the potential cost of the scheme to publishers, including in light of the fact that the arrangements make their participation compulsory. You will be aware that

the PRP Board will need to consider, inter alia, whether the arrangements are effective in accordance with the relevant principles in the Leveson report and these matters may impact on that. It would therefore be useful to have further comments from you on these cost issues, and on your decision that participation will be compulsory for publishers. We have previously asked you for confirmation that your scheme complies with the Arbitration Act 1996. In that connection we have noted that the combined effect of your regulatory scheme and the arbitration scheme is that the publisher has to agree to pay the arbitrators fees in every case and we would be grateful for your comments on the compatibility of this arrangement with s60 of the Arbitration Act.

It would also be helpful if you would clarify the timetable and process for obtaining your funding from IPRT. We have noted that the funding agreements between IPRT-IMPRESS and AMCT-IPRT are dated the same day. We would be grateful if you explain the sequence of events and timeline of the contacts you have had with all the key parties prior to those arrangements being entered into. You will recall that we have already had a conversation as regards the due diligence IMPRESS performed to satisfy yourselves that the arrangements would ensure your independence. It would be useful if you could also set that out clearly.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind regards,

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