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Dear Tim

I am surprised by your somewhat intemperate response to my letter of 7 March.

Especially, as I am sure you will know, as I currently have a complaint lodged with the PCC, I would have thought a more dispassionate tone more appropriate.

You know very well of my concerns about the PCC as we have discussed them on more than one occasion in the past. While I referred to Mediawise's research, I do not, as you suggest, rely on it. Indeed, I have experiences of my own which inform my judgement as well as the testimony of a wide range of others including distinguished journalists.

As for your complaint that I did not approach the PCC, I have had access of course to your publications which more than adequately set out your, in my view, rather complacent view of your performance and achievements.

Finally, it is perhaps because you appear happy to admit that you have "no idea" of the objection which I and many others have to the PCC that makes my Bill necessary.

I do not wish to become involved in a protracted correspondence. You have stated your views. I have mine.

Yours sincerely

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