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Phil and I had an interesting and useful meeting with Sir Christopher Meyer and Guy Black at the PCC this morning. Phil has agreed to circulate a short note next week.

The PCC would like time to consider their response. They were clearly surprised by the scale and nature of the material we have collected and see this as a "watershed" in terms of this sort of activity.

Although this was not suggested by us, they would be resistant to "taking over" individual cases and taking action in each case instead of us. Their starting point was that statutory bodies should enforce the law, not them. But they seemed to be increasingly ready as the meeting progressed to work with us as "fellow regulators" with a strategic response. This might lead to some sort of general condemnation and – though there are some difficulties - an amendment to the Code.

It is for them to identify what precisely they might do, and they recognise this. They want a second meeting before Christmas.

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