

PRESS COMPLAINTS COMMISSION

From the Chairman

The Hon Nicholas Soames MP
House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA

22nd November 2007

Dear Nicholas,

Having seen your Questions, I was about to write to you, when your letter of 21st November arrived.

If you go to our website, www.pcc.org.uk, you will see, appended to the Code of Practice, how we define the public interest.

More to the point – and this was why I wished to write to you in the first place – why don't you pay a visit to us here and talk to our staff about the handling of complaints and the PCC's pro-active work? This should give you, among other things, a clearer appreciation of how we draw the line between the public and private spheres. I'll keep out of the way while you speak to the complaints officers; but would be very happy to sweep up any issues with you afterwards. The PCC is not a large organisation – 14 in all – and I suppose, depending on how deep you would wish to dig, 2 to 3 hours ought to cover it.

By all means bring any interested Parliamentary colleagues with you.

*Yours ever,
Chris Meyer*

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