

HACKED OFF

THE CAMPAIGN FOR A FREE + ACCOUNTABLE PRESS

March 5th 2018

Dear Mrs Main,

Thank you for your recent letter.

Bizarrely I received an inquiry about it from the News Media Association via the UK Press Gazette the day after you had sent it. When I was an MP I considered it a courtesy to allow the respondent of my letter a reasonable time to reply to a letter before unleashing a lobby group or the press on the recipient. Clearly, conventions and courtesies have changed since then.

I am happy to provide answers to your questions.

Has Hacked Off ever directly or indirectly received money from Mr Mosley, and if so will you now return it?

To our knowledge, Mr Mosley has never made a donation to Hacked Off. We have no way of checking every anonymous donation made on line. Unfortunately for you, you are wasting your time on your hackneyed attempt to smear Hacked Off, an organisation which represents victims of press abuse against the might of some members of your allies, the News Media Association.

In light of the shocking allegations about Max Mosely's past conduct, what, if any, fit and proper assessment does Hacked off make of its funders and supporters?

Hacked Off receives funding and support from a variety of sources including trusts and members of the public. We are not aware of any evidence that our donors have any less bone fides than donors to political parties like yours.

Does Mr Mosley receive briefings or assistance from Hacked off ahead of his media appearances?

No. Do you receive any briefings or assistance from the News Media Association?

If Hacked Off has received funding from Mr Mosley, will you distance yourself publicly from this association?

Not applicable.

I note you intend to share your letter with the media. Please include our responses in full.

Yours,

Dr Harris