



From the Chairman
Michael Grade CBE

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Lord Pearson of Rannoch
c/o 52 Minories
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Dear Lord Pearson,

Thank you for your letter of 26 October.

I am afraid you are under a misapprehension about Anne Sloman's role in our study of BBC coverage of the EU. The project is being led by an outside consultant, reporting to the Board of Governors, who has asked Anne to assist him in contacting potential members of the proposed independent expert panel. The choice of members for the panel is not in Anne's gift, but that of the consultant, reporting to the Board.

Once the members are chosen, Anne will provide support to the panel, but its deliberations are entirely a matter for the panel, under an independent Chair.

On the other issues you raise:

I can confirm that the Minotaur reports and the associated correspondence will be made available to the panel as will other submissions.

On the makeup of the panel, we will announce the names of the members in due course. Until then you will understand that I cannot comment on individual names.

*Yours
Michael Grade*

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