



The question of whether someone is fit and proper to hold a broadcasting licence is a different consideration to those outlined in the Enterprise Act 2002, and one that quite rightly sits with Ofcom. Ofcom had previously announced that it would conduct its fit and proper assessment at the same time it would consider any public interest test, meaning following the intervention decision, Ofcom has conducted its assessment within the same timeframe it has to report on the specified public interests. I understand that Ofcom has recently published its report. Given the Secretary of State's current quasi-judicial role in the merger, the Government will not be commenting on the findings. Ofcom has an on-going duty to ensure all UK broadcasters are fit and proper to hold TV broadcasting licences and if any evidence comes to light then it is for Ofcom to take account of that evidence.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris'.

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