

Good afternoon Hassan.

I trust my points are well taken regarding the pitiful numbers of response to the CMA enquiry and advice from the CMA to the people that did respond.

As Adam Land is away for two weeks, please confirm as requested where in the Directive are abuses of governance covered in light of the CMA provisional findings and what are the processes a complainant has recourse to address?

In my opinion, the CMA is still not accepting it is institutionally disadvantaging 99% of SMEs in the UK by turning a blind eye to the most obvious abuse, of allowing major publishers the advantage of accessing important financial information through board positions, whilst being in administrative agreements with the major end users. The CMA provisional findings basically appears to admit, 'It is not our problem. We do not completely understand the business we are issuing a decision upon, leave it to the Directive'. This is unacceptable. This is like the police saying, "As we didn't see the crime, we cannot do anything and suggest you move to a nicer neighbourhood if you're not happy." The problem is, Hassan, as the PRS is a monopoly without competition, we do not have anywhere else to go.

Before I address the provisional findings in due course before the dealines, I have one suggestion which I feel the CMA should seriously consider [REDACTED] that is to delay all decisions until after the EU referendum. To rush through such an important enquiry without understanding fully all of the issues [REDACTED], is absolute madness and a blight upon all constituent parts of the 'Creator' camp in the UK. It is almost as if the CMA is deliberately undermining competition rather than helping it. [REDACTED]. As public servants, you have a duty of care to the people of this country who contribute to your and your colleagues' wages. Let's get it right for our people and our industry.

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P.S. Don't understand why an [REDACTED] related company decided to be 'anonymous' in its submission, it is completely obvious who it is to any intelligent insider.