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SENT VIA EMAIL

Dear Melanie,

Re: Dispatches: The Truth About Traveller Crime, Channel 4, 16 April 2020, 21:00

I am writing as the new Co-Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Gypsy, Traveller and Roma, in relation to your letter dated the 22nd May 2020, to my Co-Chair Baroness Janet Whitaker and former Co-Chair Kate Green M.P.

In your letter, you advised that Ofcom had received a high volume of complaints about this particular programme and that Ofcom was currently conducting an assessment of those complaints in accordance with your published procedures, which require that Ofcom consider whether the complaints raise potentially substantive issues under the Ofcom Broadcasting Code (“the Code”) which would warrant investigation by Ofcom. I understand that shortly after this, Ofcom launched a formal investigation.

Given the time that has now passed, APPG members of both the Commons and Lords are concerned at the perceived lack of progress. I am sure Ofcom, would like to assure the APPG and its members of the progress of the complaints and notify the APPG of the progress and outcome of any investigation.

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