

At 15:40 12/06/2012, you wrote:

Dear Mr Francis,

I am satisfied that my letter addresses your allegations of both criminal and misconduct issues. I will await the decision of the IPCC.

Regards

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Subject: RE: Your ref IX 306/12/SM Your reply is unacceptable UPDATED (NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED - NO DESCRIPTOR)
Cc:

Dear Mr. Miller.

I find it intriguing that you concentrate and others concentrate on arguing that publishing seriously incorrect data and wildly exaggerated claims of benefit is neither a criminal nor a misconduct issue - even to the extent of claiming that you cannot envisage that no such conduct ever could, but at no time do you or anyone else challenge the accuracy of my arguments that the claims are wildly wrong.

If you did, you would of course have to argue, *inter alia*, that:

1/ Throughout the years in question, casualties at sites would necessarily have continued at precisely the same average levels as in the 3 year selection period - despite falling steadily on the 98% of roads that had no camera coverage

2/ That the 5% fall in traffic volume at sites, when there was little or no change in national volume need not be allowed for when claiming camera benefit

3/ That despite the pages of analysis of regression to the mean included in Appendix H of the 4th national report, the RAC Report of 2010 and many other such reports, regression to the mean was not a factor at the Humberside sites in question.

4/ That despite Stats19 causal factor analysis showing that speeds above limits were, or might have been, involved in no more than 10% of accidents, and the primary causal factor in no more than 3%. Safer Roads Humber's' cameras somehow managed to cut accidents by 50/60/80/90/100% at their sites - and did so despite for the most part cutting speeding by only modest and often trivial extents.

5/ That the marked improvements in vehicles, stability and passive safety systems, improved medical skills and speed of response of the authorities, played no part in the observed reductions in (reported) casualties.

As it happens I have been involved in recent months two court claims against traders, one in the Small Claims Court against a stair-lift supplier, another in the County Court in respect of an injunction against a nuisance neighbour. In both cases I sat in court listening in disbelief to the most utter tripe in the defence cases, and both mystified and concerned that the Judge seemed to be listening attentively to palpable nonsense.

In both cases however I was pleased that the Judgements were entirely in my favour and that the Judge dismissed out of hand the arguments put forward by the defence. I am totally confident that if you were called to a witness box and there put the above arguments, you too would lose, big time.

Which is, I am sure, neither you nor any one of the Safer Roads Humber people I have asked to withdraw these claims has ever challenged my analysis of them, but have concentrated instead on the ostrich approach, hoping that if they bury their heads in the sand for long enough the problem will go away.

In your case your refusal to pass my complaint to a Force not compromised in the way Humberside is consists in effect of telling me that public officials can publish whatever they like in public documents without redress, that they owe no duty of care to the public not to misrepresent the results of their activities, that their annual Reports, whose purpose surely is at least in part to tell the public and the Councils who finance them what they get for their money, need bear no resemblance whatever to reality, or in effect that they can tell lies to the public at the public's expense and get away with it.

As I have made clear in some detail, I very much doubt, from basic principles, that we (yet) live in such a corrupt society, and will continue to do my utmost to bring to book those who are telling lies - as they must now realise, even if they were stupid enough not to realise it initially,

Yours sincerely,

Idris Francis