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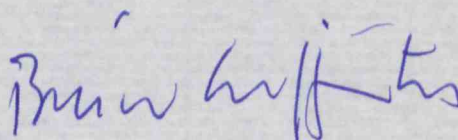
BROADCASTING: NO 10 MEETING ON THE QUALITY FACTOR

I am extremely sceptical that such a meeting will have any positive value. It will simply be a lobbying exercise by the industry to limit competition. They have made their case very cogently in the consultation process. I do not think there is anything to be added.

The Home Office has provided a list of names. All are major players in the system, whose views we already know, and all have a vested interest in emphasising quality because they wish to restrict competition. (The only exception is Richard Hooper).

RECOMMENDATION

Such a meeting has little value. My own view would be against holding it.



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