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Dear Paul,

50th Levy Scheme – 2011/12

Thank you for your letter of the 1 November informing me that the Levy Board and Bookmakers' Committee had failed to reach agreement on the terms of the 50th Levy Scheme.

I am obviously disappointed by this, but recognise the efforts that you and the other Government Appointed Members (GAMs) have made to try and broker a deal.

My principal objective now is to make a determination that properly considers all relevant factors and avoids a prolonged period of damaging uncertainty.

I have decided, therefore, to ask that you and the other GAMs provide me with an independent recommendation as to what in your consideration – having taken into account all relevant submissions from the parties – the terms of the 50th Levy Scheme should be.

I would be grateful for that advice, in the form of a submission, by the 26 November please. Once I have received this I propose to make it public, giving the Bookmakers' Committee and those Board members representing British Horseracing until the 31 December to provide me with comments on any factors which they consider I ought to take into account when making my determination.

I will then consider those further submissions alongside that of the GAMs before making my determination in the New Year.

I am copying this letter to all members of the Levy Board so that everybody is clear about the process I intend to follow in determining the terms of the 50th Levy Scheme.

Yours ever

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP
Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport