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Dear Mr Bannister,

Thank you for your reply of 23rd June to our fax concerning the article by Melanie Phillips, 'I warned about these groups...but I was just laughed at', (Daily Mail, 8 June 2011).

Your response strikes me as wholly unsatisfactory and your claim that the specific paragraph that mentions ENGAGE does not claim that it is Government funded ignores the sentence Ms Phillips wrote introducing her list of Muslim organisations.

Ms Phillips wrote in the article:

"Here are just a few of the extremist Islamist groups **the Government has been funding:...**" (emphasis added).

She proceeds to list a number of organisations and fourth on her list is iENGAGE.

I fail to see how her introduction to the list of organisations and the explicit reference to their being Government funded could give rise to your assessment that "[it] did not say that it was funded by Government."

The added adjectives of "extremist" and "Islamist" are no less offensive but the allegation that we are funded by the Government is nothing short of a falsehood.

I look forward to your considered reply and a full apology for the inaccurate portrayal of our organisation.

Yours sincerely,

Mohammed Asif CEO