

Mr David Whelan

20 March 2007

Ref: AL/ 12428504

Dear Mr Whelan

Frontline Scotland – ‘Secrets or Lies’, BBC Scotland, 1 April 2003

The Editorial Standards Committee (ESC) has now considered your appeal. I enclose a copy of its decision.

The ESC’s finding looks at your complaint, which suggested that Frontline Scotland – ‘Secrets or Lies’ breached the BBC’s editorial standards. The Committee upheld two of the five components of the complaint.

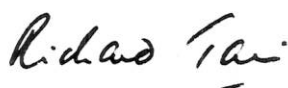
I would, therefore, like to draw your attention to the actions, as set out in section 11 of the finding and take this opportunity to apologise for the errors of judgement which have been identified.

A summary of this finding will be included in the next edition of the monthly bulletin “Editorial Complaints: appeals to the Trust”, which will be published on the 22 March 2007 at the following address:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbctrust/appeals/editorial_appeal_findings.html

As with all findings published in the bulletin, apart from those relating to appeals from people directly involved in a programme, your name is not mentioned in the finding.

Yours sincerely,



Richard Tait
Chairman, Editorial Standards Committee