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MINISTER	JAMES PAINWELL
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ACTION	15/6/05
Permanent Secretary Grade 3 () Head of Information ^{PF} Private Secretary (SM)	<i>Adh</i> File Number C 114370
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Dear Secretary of State,

I have received an email from one of my constituents Mr S Pamment
and he has expressed concern about the TV Licence Fee.

As you can see from his email he is not only concerned about the fee but also about the way in which letters received from the TV licensing Authority are expressed in such a strong manner.

I would be obliged if you could ask your department to look into Mr Pamments comments so that I can let him know why we are still paying licensing fees for a channel which Mr Pamment quite rightly says he does not have to choose to watch and also why their comments are so strongly expressed.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Penning M.P.

From: Mr. Stephen Pamment
To: Michael Penning MP <mike@penning4hemel.com>
Subject: Letter from your constituent Mr. Stephen Pamment
Date: Mon, 23 May 2005 08:27:52 +0100

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Monday 23 May 2005

Dear Michael Penning,

First, congratulations on winning in the Election.

My complaint regards the BBC TV Licence Fee

Considering that you can get hundreds of channels via cable or satellite on a pay per view basis, why should I have to pay for something that I can choose not watch ?

I am also concerned about the TV Licensing Authority letters, I am on cash easy entry scheme. The letters always state " It is an offence to use a television without a licence, and you could be prosecuted and fined up to £1000 "

