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**BY EMAIL:**  
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## YOUR EMAIL OF 2.14PM, 27 MARCH 2012

1. We act for Dean Winter, operations manager at the Real Estate Agents Authority. He has referred your Tuesday 27 March 2012, 2.14pm email to us for response.
2. We note that your email was copied to the Chief Executive Officer of the Real Estate Agents Authority (**the CEO**). In the circumstances we have copied this response to him too.
3. Your email suggests our client has attempted to contact your daughter, but does not include details. Our client does not know what you are referring to. Our client understands that you have communicated further with the CEO implying that the issue relates to internet surfing, but again you have not disclosed details. It appears that you are deliberately seeking to damage our client's reputation, without actually detailing the allegations so that any concerns can be properly considered and addressed.
4. In any event, our client denies that he has made any attempt to contact any member of your family other than professional dealings with you (from his work place/email to your usual phone/email details), denies the allegations in your email and any associated inferences, and says that they are false and in context defamatory. Further, any repetition or publication of these unfounded allegations would be defamatory. Our client reserves his rights in that regard.
5. In addition, our client records that he: (i) was not aware that you had a daughter until he received your email; (ii) is not aware of any other context in which he would otherwise have had any other (accidental) communication with any member of your family; and (iii) is not seeking to contact them.
6. If there is any other aspect of the issue you have raised that you consider needs to be addressed, then please provide details (including details as to what you allege happened, the time, date, and relevant phone/email/website details) so that our client can address any such matters. If there has been some misunderstanding regarding any communication by our client, then it must be in the interests of all concerned to clarify the situation. This is *not* an invitation to enter into a protracted exchange: it is simply a request that you provide details by return so that any residual issues can be addressed directly.
7. Please direct any communications regarding these matters to the writer.

Yours faithfully  
**IZARD WESTON**

  
**Tony Stevens**  
Partner

cc Kevin Lampen-Smith  
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