The Culture, Media and Sport Committee

The Culture, Media and Sport Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and its associated public bodies.

Current membership

Mr John Whittingdale MP (Conservative, Maldon) (Chair)
Dr Thérèse Coffey MP (Conservative, Suffolk Coastal)
Damian Collins MP (Conservative, Folkestone and Hythe)
Mr Philip Davies MP (Conservative, Shipley)
Paul Farrelly MP (Labour, Newcastle-under-Lyme)
Mrs Louise Mensch MP (Conservative, Corby)
Steve Rotheram MP (Labour, Liverpool, Walton)
Mr Adrian Sanders MP (Liberal Democrat, Torbay)
Jim Sheridan MP (Labour, Paisley and Renfrewshire North)
Mr Gerry Sutcliffe MP (Labour, Bradford South)
Mr Tom Watson MP (Labour, West Bromwich East)

The following were also members of the committee during the Parliament:

David Cairns MP (Labour, Inverclyde)
Cathy Jamieson MP (Labour, Kilmarnock and Loudoun)
Alan Keen MP (Labour, Feltham and Heston)

Powers

The committee is one of the departmental select committees, the powers of which are set out in House of Commons Standing Orders, principally in SO No 152. These are available on the Internet via www.parliament.uk.

Publications

The Reports and evidence of the Committee are published by The Stationery Office by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee (including press notices) are on the Internet at www.parliament.uk/cmscom.

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee are Elizabeth Flood (Clerk), Sarah Heath (Second Clerk), Victoria Butt (Senior Committee Assistant), Keely Bishop (Committee Assistant), Alison Pratt (Committee Assistant) and Jessica Bridges-Palmer (Media Officer).

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Tuesday 13 July 2010

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Ms Louise Bagshawe  Alan Keen
David Cairns  Mr Adrian Sanders
Dr Thérèse Coffey  Jim Sheridan
Damian Collins  Mr Tom Watson
Philip Davies

1. Declaration of Interests
Members declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House 13 July 1992 (see Appendix 1).

2. Committee working methods
Ordered, That the public be admitted during the examination of witnesses unless the Committee orders otherwise.

Resolved, That those who submit written evidence to the Committee have leave to publish it in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 135, except in cases of particular sensitivity, where the Clerk is authorised to refer the matter to the Committee for decision.

Resolved, That the Committee approves the use of electronic equipment by Members during private and public meetings, provided that they are used in accordance with the rules and customs of the House.

3. Specialist advice to the Committee
Ordered, That Mr Ray Gallagher be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters relating to evidence sessions concerning the Channel 4 Annual Report and the BBC Annual Report.

4. Future Programme
The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the site of the Olympic Park in connection with its scrutiny of the Olympic Games and Paralympics Games 2012.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from Channel 4 concerning its Annual Report, on Wednesday 28 July.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the BBC concerning its Annual Report, on Wednesday 8 September.
Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, Secretary of State, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, concerning the DCMS Accounts 2009-10 and Responsibilities of the Secretary of State, on Tuesday 14 September.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Funding of the arts and heritage.

5. Press standards, privacy and libel inquiry
Draft Special Report (Press standards, privacy and libel: Responses to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2009-10), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Papers were appended to the Report as Appendices 1 and 2.

Resolved, That the Report be the First Special Report to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

6. BBC Annual Report 2008-09
Draft Special Report (BBC Annual Report 2008-09: BBC Trust's response to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2009-10), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

A Paper was appended to the Report as Appendix 1.

Resolved, That the Report be the Second Special Report to the House.

Ordered, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.

7. Consideration of Public Petition
The Committee considered the petition to the House from the students of Coloma Convent High School and the people of Croydon concerning size zero models.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 28 July at 10.15 am

Tuesday 20 July 2010

The Chair, Louise Bagshawe, Dr Thérèse Coffey, Damian Collins, Philip Davies and Mr Adrian Sanders visited the site of the Olympic Park in Stratford, in connection with the Committee's scrutiny of the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games 2012 in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 13 July 2010.
Wednesday 28 July 2010

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Ms Louise Bagshawe  Paul Farrelly
David Cairns  Alan Keen
Dr Thérèse Coffey  Mr Adrian Sanders
Damian Collins  Jim Sheridan
Philip Davies  Mr Tom Watson

1. Declaration of Interests
Paul Farrelly declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House 13 July 1992:

Registable interests
Sponsorships: Donations to the constituency party or association, which have been or will be reported by the party to the Electoral Commission:

Name of donor: Unity Address of donor: Unity House, Earth Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent. Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 Donor status: trade union (Registered 8 June 2010)

I employ my wife, Victoria Perry, as part-time Parliamentary Assistant.

Relevant interests
Formerly worked as a journalist for Reuters, Independent on Sunday and Observer. Pension holder with Guardian Media Group. Member of the National Union of Journalists.

Resolved, That the Committee take note of the declaration by Mr Ray Gallagher, Specialist Adviser to the Committee in matters relating to evidence sessions concerning the Channel 4 Annual Report and the BBC Annual Report, that he is a Member of the British Screen Advisory Council and a Fellow of the Royal Television Society and that he had joined the Sky pension plan during his employment and ceased contributing to it when he left the company in February 2006.

2. Funding of the arts and heritage
Ordered, That Mr Bob Kindred MBE be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Funding of the arts and heritage.

3. Edinburgh International Television Festival
Resolved, That Paul Farrelly and Alan Keen have leave to visit Edinburgh in August to attend the International Television Festival in a representative capacity.

4. Future Programme
The Committee considered this matter.
5. Channel 4 Annual Report
Lord Burns GCB, Chairman, David Abraham, Chief Executive, and Anne Bulford, Chief Operating Officer, Channel 4, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 September at 10.15 am

Wednesday 8 September 2010

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Ms Louise Bagshawe  Paul Farrelly
David Cairns  Alan Keen
Dr Thérèse Coffey  Mr Adrian Sanders
Damian Collins  Jim Sheridan
Philip Davies

1. Consideration of Public Petition
The Committee considered the petition to the House from Mrs Priscilla Whisker and Residents of Wakefield Constituency, and others concerning a free swimming scheme.

2. Future Programme
Resolved, That the Committee visit the Department for Culture, Media and Sport on Thursday 11 November.

3. Declaration of interests
Resolved, That the Committee take note of the declaration by Mr Bob Kindred MBE, Specialist Adviser to the Committee for its inquiry into Funding of the arts and heritage:

Conservation & Urban Design Operational Manager for Ipswich Borough Council (& formerly Borough Conservation Officer); Secretary to Ipswich Conservation Advisory Panel; Historic Buildings Advisor to both Ipswich Historic Churches Trust and Ipswich Building Preservation Trust.

A founding Director of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC); made the IHBC’s first (and only) Life Member; Chairman of the Trustees of the Gus Astley Student Awards Memorial Fund.

Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute.

Member of the National Committee of the UK Association of Preservation Trusts; member of the UNESCO UK Culture Committee; member of the Advisory Board to UK charity Maintain Our Heritage; Heritage Advisor to the Local Government Association.
Consultant Editor to the Journal of Architectural Conservation.

Member of the Ancient Monuments Society; Association for Studies in the Conservation of Historic Buildings; the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings; & the Victorian Society.

External Examiner – RICS Post Graduate Building Conservation Diploma Course, College of Estate Management, University of Reading.

4. Channel 4 Annual Report
Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Channel 4 Annual Report submitted by Channel 4 be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2009-10
Sir Michael Lyons, Chairman, BBC Trust, Mark Thompson, Director General, and Zarin Patel, Director of Finance, BBC, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 September at 11.00 am

Tuesday 14 September 2010

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Damian Collins, Philip Davies, Paul Farrelly

Alan Keen, Mr Adrian Sanders

1. Future Programme
The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That The Committee visit Manchester on Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 November in connection to the inquiry into Funding of the arts and heritage.

2. Funding of arts and heritage
The Committee considered this matter.

3. Phone Hacking
The Committee considered this matter.

4. Retained Advisers
The Committee considered this matter.

5. DCMS Accounts 2009-10 and the Responsibilities of the Secretary of State
Rt Hon. Jeremy Hunt MP, Secretary of State and Mr Jonathan Stephens, Permanent Secretary, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence.
Tuesday 12 October 2010

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Ms Louise Bagshawe  Paul Farrelly
David Cairns  Allen Keen
Dr Thérèse Coffey  Mr Adrian Sanders
Damian Collins  Jim Sheridan
Philip Davies  Mr Tom Watson

1. Funding of the arts and heritage

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Funding of the arts and heritage be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

New Writing North
Derbyshire County Council
Association of Festival Organisers
Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums
Peter Collins
West Yorkshire Playhouse
APRS
Foundation for Community Dance
Turner Contemporary
Horse + Bamboo Theatre
Mind the Gap
Carousel
Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)
Contemporary Glass Society
National Maritime Museum Cornwall (NMMC)
South East Dance (SED)
Robin Jacob
sporta
North East Regional Renaissance Board
Northamptonshire Museums Forum
University Museums Group
Royal Shakespeare Company
Midlands Federation of Museums & Art Galleries
PRS for Music Foundation
OYAP Trust
Birmingham Museums and Art Gallery
Sue Grace, Sarah Bridges, Jane Seddon, Carrie Carruthers, Louise Tyrrell and
Grace Kempster, Northamptonshire County Council
Andrew Welch
Dance UK
National Campaign for the Arts (NCA)
Christopher Gordon & Peter Stark
Greater London Authority (GLA)
&Co
Heritage Tourism Executive for the North West
Camelot UK Lotteries Limited
Dr Alana Jelinek
Sherborne House Trust
Cornerhouse
Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers for England (ALGAO: England)
Artists Interaction and Representation (AIR)
Southwark Arts Forum
Mission, Models, Money (MMM)
engage
Newcastle City Council
National Trust
Film London
Faceless Company Ltd
London Arts in Health Forum (LAHF)
British Federation of Film Societies (BFFS)
Oxford University Museums
Liverpool City Council and members of Liverpool Arts Regeneration Consortium (LARC)
Liverpool City Council
English Touring Opera
Institute for Creative Enterprise (ICE), Coventry University
Wiltshire Music Centre Trust Ltd
Partnership for Urban South Hampshire Quality Place Delivery Panel
Museum of South Somerset
Luton Culture
Craftspace
Exeter City Council
Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Art Gallery (RAMM)
Prescap
Edward Schlesinger
Farnham Theatre Association Ltd
Greenwich Foundation for the Old Royal Naval College
London Borough of Southwark
Strange Cargo
Trestle
Association of British Jazz Musicians
Merseyside Dance Initiative (MDI)
Hardish Virk
English Heritage
Arts & Business
The Heritage Alliance
Arts Council England
The Nautical Archaeology Society (NAS)
Accentuate
Hallé Concerts Society
Orchestras Live
Wayne McGregor Random Dance, Akram Khan Company, Jasmin Vardimon
Company, DV8 Physical Theatre, and Hofesh Schechter Company
Northern Ballet
Cultural Learning Alliance (CLA)
Royal Court Theatre
British Library
Crafts Council
City of London Corporation
Ivan Cutting
Jazz Services Ltd
Peterborough Attractions Group
Creativity, Culture and Education (CCE)
UK Music
Department of Culture at Manchester City Council
Fiona Macalister
Opera and Music Theatre Forum
Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA)
East Midlands Museum Service
Dr Kevin Fewster
The Royal Institution of Cornwall
Jonathan Platt
Chard and District Museum
Musicians’ Union
Dance Consortium
The Place
Artsadmin
Incorporated Society of Musicians (ISM)
Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site
National Historic Ships
Amber Film & Photography Collective
Modern Art Oxford
Oxfordshire Theatre Company
Association of Independent Museums (AIM)
Equity
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Arts Service
Society of Antiquaries of London
Freedom Studios
The Fitzwilliam Museum, University of Cambridge
Salisbury Playhouse
The Theatres Trust
Natalie Watson
Design and Artists Copyright Society (DACS)
Film and Video Umbrella Ltd (FV)
Culture Service, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
Northwest Regional Development Agency
Joint Nautical Archaeology Policy Committee
Leicester City Council Cultural Services Division and also as lead Partner
for Renaissance East Midlands
South West Screen
National Association for Literature Development
Paul Kelly
Renaissance in the Regions (South West)
Sue Cheriton
Hoipolloi Theatre
Dorset County Council, with contributions from Dorset Strategic Partnership
Culture Theme Group
The Society for Nautical Research
Almeida Theatre Company Ltd
RESCUE: The British Archaeological Trust
English National Opera
Historic Towns Forum (HTF)
Association of English Cathedrals (AEC)
Newcastle Gateshead Cultural Venues
Paul Graham
Stephen Boyce
Archives & Records Association
Havering Council, Culture and Leisure Services
National Heritage Memorial Fund (NHMF) and the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)
Society of London Theatre and Theatrical Management Association
a-n The Artists Information Company
The Art Fund
National Museum of Science & Industry (NMSI)
Royal Opera House
Making Music
High Peak Community Arts
Federation of Museums and Art Galleries of Wales
Surrey County Council
William Poel
Historic Houses Association (HHA)
Renaissance Yorkshire Museum Hub
Take Art; and the National Rural Touring Forum (NRTF)
National Museum Directors’ Conference
Board of the South Western Federation of Museums & Art Galleries (SWFMAG)
BECTU
National Association of Local Government Arts Officers (NALGAO)
Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)
2. Future Programme
Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

3. Funding of the arts and heritage
Alan Davey, Chief Executive, Arts Council England, Colin Tweedy, Chief Executive, Arts and Business and Louise de Winter, Director, National Campaign for the Arts, gave oral evidence.


[Adjourned till Thursday 14 October at 10.30 am

Thursday 14 October 2010

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

David Cairns  Mr Adrian Sanders
Damian Collins,  Jim Sheridan
Paul Farrelly  Mr Tom Watson

1. Future Programme
Resolved, That the Committee visit Dulwich Picture Gallery on Tuesday 16 November in connection with its inquiry into Funding of the arts and heritage.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 October at 10.30 am

Tuesday 19 October 2010

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Ms Louise Bagshawe    Paul Farrelly
David Cairns          Allen Keen
Dr Thérèse Coffey     Mr Adrian Sanders
Damian Collins        Jim Sheridan

1. Future Programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit Pinewood Studios on Thursday 20 January in connection with its inquiry into Funding of the arts and heritage.

2. Funding of the arts and heritage

Tim Bevan, Chair, UK Film Council, Amanda Neville, Director, British Film Institute, and David Elstein, Member, British Screen Advisory Council, gave oral evidence.

Dr Simon Thurley, Chief Executive, English Heritage, and Dame Fiona Reynolds, Director General, National Trust, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 October at 10.30 am

Tuesday 26 October 2010

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey    Allen Keen
Damian Collins       Mr Adrian Sanders
Philip Davies

1. Future Programme

Resolved, That the Committee take supplementary oral evidence from the BBC in connection with the Committee’s inquiry into the BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2009-10.

2. Funding of the arts and heritage
Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the *Funding of the Arts and Heritage* inquiry submitted by Richard Giffith be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Mhora Samuel, Director, Theatres Trust, Danny Moar, Director, Theatre Royal, Bath, and Mark Pemberton, Director, Association of British Orchestras, gave oral evidence.

Roy Clare, Chief Executive, Museums, Libraries, and Archives Council and Dr Michael Dixon, Chair, National Museum Directors’ Conference, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 2 November at 10.30 am]

**Tuesday 2 November 2010**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Ms Louise Bagshawe          Philip Davies
David Cairns                Paul Farrelly
Dr Thérèse Coffey           Mr Adrian Sanders
Damian Collins              Mr Tom Watson

1. **Future Programme**  
The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Channel 4 Annual Report**  
The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Appointment Process for Specialist Advisers**  
The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Funding of the arts and heritage**  
Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the *Funding of the Arts and Heritage* inquiry submitted by Marc Sidwell be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Mr Edward Harley, President, Historic Houses Association, Carole Souter, Chief Executive, Heritage Lottery Fund, and Loyd Grossman OBE, Chair, Heritage Alliance, gave oral evidence.

Mr David Lee, Editor, The Jackdaw, Dr Tiffany Jenkins, Arts and Society Director, Institute of Ideas, and Mr Norman Lebrecht (writer and commentator), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 9 November at 10.30 am]
Tuesday 9 November 2010

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Ms Louise Bagshawe  Paul Farrelly
David Cairns  Mr Adrian Sanders
Dr Thérèse Coffey  Jim Sheridan
Philip Davies  Mr Tom Watson

1. Future Programme
The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That The Committee inquire into the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights Online.

2. Funding of the arts and heritage
Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Funding of the Arts and Heritage inquiry submitted by the Authors’ Licensing and Collecting Society be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Adjourned till Wednesday 1 December at 10.30 am

Thursday 11 November 2010

The Chair, Ms Louise Bagshawe, David Cairns, Dr Thérèse Coffey, Paul Farrelly and Mr Tom Watson visited the Department for Culture, Media and Sport in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 8 September 2010.

Tuesday 16 November 2010

The Chair visited the East Dulwich Picture Gallery in connection to the inquiry into Funding of the arts and heritage in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 14 October 2010.

Wednesday 24-Thursday 25 November 2010

The Chair, Ms Louise Bagshawe, Dr Thérèse Coffey, Philip Davies, and Mr Tom Watson visited Manchester in connection to the inquiry into Funding of the arts and heritage in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 14 September 2010.
Wednesday 1 December 2010

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

David Cairns  Alan Keen
Dr Thérèse Coffey  Mr Adrian Sanders
Damian Collins  Jim Sheridan
Philip Davies  Mr Tom Watson
Paul Farrelly

1. Future Programme
The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Arts Council Collection in Kennington on Tuesday 18 January in connection with its the inquiry into Funding of the arts and heritage.

Resolved, That the Committee take supplementary oral evidence from the Arts Council in connection with its inquiry into Funding of the arts and heritage.

2. Department for Culture, Media and Sport Winter Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2010-11
Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport Winter Supplementary Estimate 2010-11 submitted by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2009-10
Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2009-10 inquiry submitted by the BBC be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Funding of the arts and heritage
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Funding of the arts and heritage be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Arts Council England
David Lee, The Jackdaw
Historic Houses Association
Arts Council England
Peter Stark and Christopher Gordon

Mr Edward Vaizey MP, Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence.
Dame Vivien Duffield, OBE, Chair, Clore Duffield Foundation, and Rosalind Riley, Trustee, The Brook Trust, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 December at 10.30 am

Tuesday 7 December 2010

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Ms Louise Bagshawe    Damian Collins
David Cairns          Paul Farrelly
Dr Thérèse Coffey     Mr Adrian Sanders

1. Future Programme
The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Football governance.

2. Channel 4 Annual Report
Draft Report (Channel 4 Annual Report), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the First Report of the Committee, HC 423.

3. Funding of the arts and heritage
Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Funding of the Arts and Heritage inquiry submitted by the Arts Council England be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Barbara Hayes, Deputy Chief Executive, Author’s Licensing and Collecting Society, Richard Combes, Head of Rights and Licensing, Authors’ Licensing and Collecting Society, Jim Parker, Registrar, Public Lending Right, and Stelly Duffy, Author, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 December at 10.30 am
Tuesday 14 December 2010

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair
Ms Louise Bagshawe  Paul Farrelly
David Cairns  Mr Adrian Sanders
Dr Thérèse Coffey  Jim Sheridan
Damian Collins  Mr Tom Watson
Philip Davies

1. Funding of the arts and heritage
Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Funding of the arts and heritage inquiry submitted by English Heritage be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Football Governance
Resolved, That the Committee visit Frankfurt and Munich in connection with its scrutiny of the Olympic Games and Paralympics Games 2012 and its inquiry into Football Governance, and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

3. London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games
Lord Coe, Chairman, Mr Paul Deighton, Chief Executive, LOCOG (London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympics Games), Mr John Armitt CBE, Chairman, David Higgins, Chief Executive, Olympic Delivery Authority, gave oral evidence.

Mr Tim Reddish OBE, Chairman, British Paralympic Association, and Lord Moynihan, Chairman, British Olympic Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 December at 10.30 am]

Wednesday 15 December 2010

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair
Ms Louise Bagshawe  Philip Davies
David Cairns  Paul Farrelly
Dr Thérèse Coffey  Mr Adrian Sanders
Damian Collins
1. Specialist advice to the Committee

Ordered, That Ms Sara John be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters relating to creative industries, legal and European affairs.

Resolved, That the Committee take note of the declaration by Ms Sara John, Specialist Adviser to the Committee in matters relating to creative industries, legal and European affairs, that she is a Director of the Young Person’s Concert Foundation.

Ordered, That Mr Ray Gallagher be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters relating to broadcasting.

Resolved, That the Committee take note of the declaration by Mr Ray Gallagher, Specialist Adviser to the Committee in matters relating to broadcasting, that he is a Member of the British Screen Advisory Council and a Fellow of the Royal Television Society and that he had joined the Sky pension plan during his employment and ceased contributing to it when he left the company in February 2006.

2. BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2009-10

Sir Michael Lyons, Chairman, BBC Trust and Mr Mark Thomson, Director General, BBC, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 December at 10.30 am

Tuesday 21 December 2010

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey               Damian Collins

1. London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Hugh Robertson MP, Minister for the Olympics and David Goldstone, Director, Government Olympic Executive, gave oral evidence.

The Chairman’s attention having been called to the fact that three Members were not present, he suspended the proceedings; and another Member having come into the room, and three Members being present, the proceedings were resumed.

Hugh Robertson MP, Minister for the Olympics and David Goldstone, Director, Government Olympic Executive, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 13 January at 10.15 am
Thursday 13 January 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Ms Louise Bagshawe
Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Paul Farrelly

Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan
Mr Tom Watson

1. Committee Working Practices

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 25 January at 10.30 am]

Tuesday 18 January 2011

The Chair, Ms Louise Bagshawe, Dr Thérèse Coffey and Damian Collins visited the Arts Council Collection in Kennington in connection to the inquiry into Funding of the arts and heritage in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 1 December 2010.

Thursday 20 January 2011

The Chair, Dr Thérèse Coffey, Paul Farrelly, Damian Collins and Adrian Sanders visited Pinewood Studios in connection to the inquiry into Funding of the arts and heritage in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 19 October 2010.

Tuesday 25 January 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Ms Louise Bagshawe
David Cairns
Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins

Philip Davies
Paul Farrelly
Mr Adrian Sanders
Mr Tom Watson

1. Future Programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit Arsenal FC on 1 February in connection with its inquiry into Football Governance.
Resolved, That the Committee tour the BBC Showcase event in Brighton on Monday 28 February.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the British Council, London, in connection with its inquiry into the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Resolved, That the Committee hold a pre-appointment hearing with the Secretary of State’s preferred candidate for the post of Chairman of the BBC Trust.

2. ** BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2009-10  
   The Committee considered this matter.

3. ** Football Governance  
   The Committee considered this matter.

4. ** Funding of the arts and heritage  
   Dame Liz Forgan DBE, Chair, and Alan Davey, Chief Executive, Arts Council England, gave oral evidence.

   [Adjourned till Thursday 27 February at 3.30 pm]

** Thursday 27 January 2011 **

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey

Philip Davies

Damian Collins

The Committee met in private.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 February at 10.30 am]

** Tuesday 1 February 2011 **

The Chair, Dr Thérèse Coffey, Damian Collins, Philip Davies, Alan Keen, Mr Adrian Sanders and Jim Sheridan visited Arsenal FC in connection to the inquiry into Football Governance in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 25 January 2011.
Tuesday 8 February 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair
Ms Louise Bagshawe  Alan Keen
David Cairns  Paul Farrelly
Dr Thérèse Coffey  Mr Adrian Sanders
Damian Collins  Jim Sheridan
Philip Davies

1. Funding of the arts and heritage
The Committee considered this matter.

2. BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2009-10
The Committee considered this matter.

3. Future Programme
Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Secretary of State concerning the responsibilities of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from Ofcom, concerning its responsibilities.

4. Football Governance
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Football Governance be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Mrs Linsey Wraith
Carlos Diaz-Sanchez
Steve Lawrence
Peter Hodge
Jay Cochrane, The International Football Development Academy (iFDA)
Saints Trust Consumer Cooperative Action Committee
Exeter City AFC Supporters Society Ltd
Runcorn Linnets Football Club
Gary Pettit
Rob Bradley and Roy Noble, Lincoln City Supporters Trust
Commission on the Future of Women’s Sport
Cardiff City Supporters Trust
Andy Green
Cambridge Fans United (CFU)
James Wheeler
Paul Norris
Manchester United Supporter Trust (MUST)
Football Foundation
Liverpool Supporters’ Union – Spirit of Shankly
Steve Beck, York City Supporters Trust
Keith Blagbrough
Clarets Trust
Dr. Malcolm Clarke, FRSA, supporter representative on the FA Council
Merthyr Town FC
Arsenal Supporters’ Trust and Arsenal Fanshare
Gordon Taylor, Chief Executive, Professional Footballers Association
Wimbledon Football Club Supporters Society Limited on behalf of AFC Wimbledon
Professor Richard Giulianotti
Bristol City Supporters Trust
Bees United, the Brentford FC Supporters Trust
Football Association (The FA)
Premier League
Independent Manchester United Supporters’ Association (IMUSA)
Supporters Direct
Newcastle United Supporters Trust
Football Supporters’ Federation
League Managers Association
Fulham Supporters’ Trust
Department for Culture, Media and Sport
Football League
Reading Football Supporters’ Society Limited T/A ‘STAR’ (Supporters’ Trust at Reading)
Blake Welton, Editor, First e11even
Southend United Supporters’ Club Trust t/as The Shrimpers Trust
David Hodges
Bradford City Supporters’ Trust (BCST)
Phil Gregory
Wrexham Supporters Trust
Blue and Gold Trust (King’s Lynn FC Supporters Trust)
Foxes Trust (Leicester City Supporters Society Limited)
AFC Telford United
Daniel York and Ben Westmancott on behalf of the board of Fisher FC
Adam Franks FCA CFA
Schwery Consulting
FC United of Manchester
Wimbledon Independent Supporters Association (WISA)
Olswang
National Association of Disabled Supporters (NADS)
Paul Baggaley, Chairman, Newark Town FC
Chester Football Club
Stephen Temple
Centre for the Study of Law, Society and Popular Culture, University of Westminster
Dave Boyle
Scarborough Athletic Football Club
Yorkshire Division of the Football Supporters’ Federation
Professional Players Federation
Ordered, That Rick Parry and Christine Oughton be appointed as Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Football Governance.

Resolved, That the Committee take note of the declaration by Rick Parry, Specialist Adviser to the Committee for its inquiry into Football Governance:

In receipt of a termination payment from Liverpool FC on a monthly basis. One of his sons is employed by Manchester City FC as a sports scientist.

Mr Adrian Sanders declared an interest as a member of the Torquay United Supporters Trust.

Dr Thérèse Coffey declared an interest as undertaking a Sports Parliamentary Fellowship with the Football Association

Professor Stefan Szymanski, CASS Business School, Sean Hamil, Birkbeck Sport Business Centre, University of London, Patrick Collins, Mail on Sunday, gave oral evidence.

Lord Triesman GCB, Graham Kelly, and Lord Burns, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 February at 10.30 am]
Tuesday 15 February 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Paul Farrelly
Alan Keen

Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan
Mr Tom Watson

1. Football Governance

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Football Governance be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

The Football Conference

Resolved, That the Committee visit Burnley FC on 14 to 15 March in connection with its inquiry into Football Governance.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Wembley Stadium on 29 March in connection with its inquiry into Football Governance.

Greg Clarke, Chairman, and Andy Williamson, Chief Operating Officer, Football League, gave oral evidence.

Gordon Taylor, Chief Executive, and Paul Elliott, Trustee, Professional Footballers Association, gave oral evidence.

Adjourned till Tuesday 8 March at 10.30 am

Monday 28 February 2011

Dr Thérèse Coffey and Mr Adrian Sanders toured the BBC Showcase event in Brighton in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 25 January 2011.

Tuesday 1 to Thursday 3 March 2011

The Chair, David Cairns, Dr Thérèse Coffey, Damian Collins, Paul Farrelly, Mr Adrian Sanders and Jim Sheridan visited Germany in connection to the inquiry into Football Governance in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 14 December 2010.
Tuesday 8 March 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair
Ms Louise Bagshawe
Mr Adrian Sanders
David Cairns
Jim Sheridan
Dr Thérèse Coffey
Mr Tom Watson
Damian Collins

In the temporary absence of the Chair, Mr Adrian Sanders was called to the Chair for part of the meeting.

1. Consideration of Public Petition
The Committee considered the petition to the House from the residents of Bishop Auckland, County Durham and the North East concerning the sale of Auckland Castle or its Zurbaran Paintings.

2. Funding of the arts and heritage
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Funding of the arts and heritage be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Supplementary written evidence submitted by the Arts Council, England

3. Football Governance
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Football Governance be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Lord Triesman
The Isthmian Football League

David Gill, Chief Executive, Manchester United, Peter Coates, Chairman, Stoke City, Tony Scholes, Chief Executive, Stoke City, and Niall Quinn, Chairman, Sunderland, gave oral evidence.

Lord Mawhinney, Former Chairman of the Football League, and Henry McLeish, author of a recent review of Scottish football, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 10 March at 10.00 am]
Thursday 10 March 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Ms Louise Bagshawe Philip Davies
David Cairns Mr Adrian Sanders
Dr Thérèse Coffey Jim Sheridan
Damian Collins Mr Tom Watson

1. Declaration of interests

Resolved, That the Committee take note of the declaration by Mr Ray Gallagher, Specialist Adviser to the Committee in matters relating to broadcasting, that he is a Council Member on the Broadcast Council of the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA), which adjudicates on television and radio advertising complaints.

2. Department for Culture, Media and Sport Spring Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2010-11

Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport Spring Supplementary Estimate 2010-11 submitted by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Pre-appointment hearing with the Government’s preferred candidate for Chairman of the BBC Trust

Lord Patten of Barnes, gave oral evidence.

Draft Report (Pre-appointment hearing with the Government’s preferred candidate for the Chairman of the BBC Trust), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Second Report of the Committee, HC 864-I.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 March at 10.30 am]

Monday 14 to Tuesday 15 March 2011

The Chair, Damian Collins, Paul Farrelly, Mr Adrian Sanders and Mr Tom Watson visited Burnley FC in connection to the inquiry into Football Governance in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 15 February 2011.
Tuesday 15 March 2011

The Committee met at the Burnley FC, Turf Moor Stadium

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Damian Collins  Mr Adrian Sanders
Paul Farrelly  Mr Tom Watson

1. Football Governance
Shaun Harvey, Chief Executive, Leeds United football club, John Bowler, Chairman, Crewe Alexandra Football Club, Barry Kilby, Chairman, Burnley Football Club, and Julian Tagg, Vice Chairman and Sporting Director, Exeter City Football Club, gave oral evidence.

Dave Boyle, Chief Executive, Supporters Direct, Malcolm Clarke, Chair, Football Supporters Federation and Fans Representative on the Football Association Council, and Steven Powell, Director of Policy and Campaigns, Football Supporters Federation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 17 March at 10.00 am]

Thursday 17 March 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Ms Louise Bagshawe  Alan Keen
Dr Thérèse Coffey  Mr Adrian Sanders
Damian Collins  Jim Sheridan
Paul Farrelly  Mr Tom Watson

In the temporary absence of the Chair, Mr Adrian Sanders was called to the Chair for part of the meeting.

1. Committee working methods
Resolved, That the Committee change its regular meeting time on a Tuesday morning to meet at 10.15 am in private and 10.30 am in public.

2. Future programme
Resolved, That the Committee take further oral evidence from Acting Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, John Yates on Thursday 24 March at 10.15 am as a follow-up to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2009-10 on Press Standards, Privacy and Libel.
Resolved, That the Committee postpone the deadline for submission of written evidence to the inquiry into the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights Online.

3. Channel 4 Annual Report
Draft Special Report (Channel 4 Annual Report: Responses to the Committee's First Report of Session 2010-11), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

Several papers were appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Third Special Report to the House.

Ordered, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.

4. Funding of the arts and heritage
The Committee discussed this matter.

5. Follow-up to the Press standards, privacy and libel Report
Ordered, That a letter (dated 14 March 2011) to the Chairman from John Yates, Acting Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 March at 10.30 am

Tuesday 22 March 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair
Ms Louise Bagshawe  Alan Keen
Dr Thérèse Coffey  Mr Adrian Sanders
Damian Collins  Jim Sheridan
Paul Farrelly  Mr Tom Watson

1. Funding of the arts and heritage
Draft Report (Funding of the arts and heritage), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Third Report of the Committee, HC 464-I.

2. Football Governance
Ian Watmore, former Chief Executive of the Football Association, gave oral evidence.
Richard Bevan, Chief Executive, League Managers Association, Martin O’Neill OBE and Steve Coppell, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 24 March at 10.00 am

Thursday 24 March 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair
Dr Thérèse Coffey            Mr Adrian Sanders
Damian Collins               Jim Sheridan
Philip Davies                Mr Tom Watson
Paul Farrelly

1. European Commission Communication: Developing the European Dimension in Sport
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Football Governance
The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Football Governance be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

UEFA
Ian Watmore

3. Follow-up to the Press standards, privacy and libel Report
The Committee discussed this matter.

Ordered, That a letter (dated 24 March 2011) to the Chairman from John Yates, Acting Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

 Acting Deputy Commissioner John Yates QPM, Metropolitan Police, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 March at 10.30 am
Tuesday 29 March 2011

The Committee met at Wembley Stadium

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair
Ms Louise Bagshawe        Paul Farrelly
Dr Thérèse Coffey          Alan Keen
Damian Collins             Jim Sheridan

1. Future programme
*Resolved*, That the Committee visit the offices of Visit Britain on Wednesday 22 June 2011.

2. Follow-up to the Press standards, privacy and libel Report
The Committee discussed this matter.

3. Football Governance
David Bernstein, Chairman, and Alex Horne, General Secretary, The Football Association, gave oral evidence.

Roger Burden, National Game representative, and Kelly Simmons, Head of National Game, The Football Association, gave oral evidence.

Stewart Regan, Chief Executive, The Scottish Football Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 30 March at 9.45 am]

Wednesday 30 March 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair
Ms Louise Bagshawe        Paul Farrelly
Dr Thérèse Coffey          Mr Adrian Sanders
Damian Collins             Jim Sheridan
Philip Davies              Mr Tom Watson

1. Follow-up to the Press standards, privacy and libel Report
The Committee discussed this matter.
2. Responsibilities of DCMS
Rt Hon. Jeremy Hunt MP, Secretary of State, and Jonathan Stephens, Permanent Secretary, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence.

Tuesday 5 April 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair
Ms Louise Bagshawe       Paul Farrelly
Dr Thérèse Coffey        Mr Adrian Sanders
Damian Collins           Jim Sheridan
Philip Davies

1. Follow-up to the Press standards, privacy and libel Report
The Committee discussed this matter.

Ordered, That a letter (dated 1 April 2011) to the Chairman from Keir Starmer QC, Director of Public Prosecutions be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Football Governance
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Football Governance be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Premier League

Sir Dave Richards, Chairman, and Richard Scudamore, Chief Executive, Premier League, gave oral evidence.

Brian Lee, Chairman, and Dennis Strudwick, General Manager, Football Conference, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 April at 10.15 am]
Tuesday 26 April 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey  Mr Adrian Sanders
Damian Collins  Mr Tom Watson
Paul Farrelly

1. Follow-up to the Press standards, privacy and libel Report
The Committee discussed this matter.

Ordered, That a letter (dated 13 April 2011) to the Chairman from John Yates, Acting Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Football Governance
William Gaillard, Advisor to the President, UEFA, gave oral evidence.

Hugh Robertson MP, Minister for Sport, and Henry Burgess, Head of Professional and International Sport, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 27 April at 10.15 am]

Wednesday 27 April 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Ms Louise Bagshawe  Paul Farrelly
Dr Thérèse Coffey  Mr Adrian Sanders
Philip Davies  Mr Tom Watson

1. Football Governance
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Football Governance be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Inclusion and Diversity Caucus
Bates Wells & Braithwaite

2. Future Programme

Resolved, That the Committee suspend the inquiry into the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights Online.
Agreed, That it would hold a joint pre-appointment hearing for the proposed new Chairman of S4C with the Welsh Affairs Committee on Tuesday 24 May.

Agreed, That it would invite Channel 4 to give evidence on its Annual Report at the beginning of June.

Agreed, That it would invite the BBC to give evidence on its Annual Report on 19 July.

3. BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2009-10
The Committee discussed this matter.

Tuesday 3 May 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Ms Louise Bagshawe    Philip Davies
Dr Thérèse Coffey    Paul Farrelly
Damian Collins    Mr Tom Watson

1. Department for Culture, Media and Sport Spring Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2010-11
Ordered, That the written evidence relating to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport Spring Supplementary Estimate 2010-11 submitted by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. The work of Ofcom
Colette Bowe, Chair, and Ed Richards, Chief Executive, Ofcom, gave oral evidence.

Tuesday 10 May 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Ms Louise Bagshawe    Paul Farrelly
Dr Thérèse Coffey    Alan Keen
Damian Collins    Mr Adrian Sanders
Philip Davies    Mr Tom Watson

1. Spectrum
Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Spectrum.
2. **2018 World Cup Bid**

Question put, That the written evidence relating to the *2018 World Cup Bid* submitted by The Sunday Times be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

The Committee divided.

*Ayes, 4*  
Ms Louise Bagshawe  
Damian Collins  
Philip Davies  
Alan Keen

*Noes, 1*  
Mr Tom Watson

*Ordered*, That the written evidence relating to the *2018 World Cup Bid* submitted by The Sunday Times be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

Mike Lee, strategist behind the 2022 Qatar World Cup Bid, gave oral evidence.

Lord Triesman, former Chairman of the England 2018 World Cup Bid, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 12 May at 10.00 am]

**Thursday 12 May 2011**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey  
Damian Collins  
Philip Davies

Paul Farrelly  
Mr Adrian Sanders

**1. BBC Licence Fee Settlement and Annual Report**

Draft Report (*BBC Licence Fee Settlement and Annual Report*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 454.*

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 May at 10.15 am]
Tuesday 17 May 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey  Jim Sheridan
Damian Collins  Mr Tom Watson
Mr Adrian Sanders

1. Gambling

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Gambling.

2. Football Governance

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Football Governance be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Football Association
Premier League

3. Follow-up to the Press standards, privacy and libel Report

Ordered, That a letter (dated 13 May 2011) to the Chairman from John Yates, Acting Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Boris Johnson, Mayor of London, and Neale Coleman, Director of London 2012 Coordination, Greater London Authority, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 May at 10.00 am]

Tuesday 24 May 2011

The Welsh Affairs and Culture, Media and Sport Committees met concurrently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A.

Members present:

Welsh Affairs  Culture, Media and Sport

David T.C. Davies  Mr John Whittingdale
Guto Bebb  Ms Louise Bagshawe
Alun Cairns  Damian Collins
Geraint Davies  Paul Farrelly
Jonathan Edwards  Mr Adrian Sanders
Susan Elan Jones  Mr Tom Watson
Jessica Morden
Mr Mark Williams
David T.C. Davies was called to the Chair, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(d).

The Committees deliberated, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A(1)(b).

Draft Report: Pre-appointment hearing for the Government’s preferred candidate for Chairman of the S4C Authority

Draft Report (Pre-appointment hearing for the Government’s preferred candidate for Chairman of the S4C Authority), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Chair’s draft Report be considered concurrently, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A (1)(c).

Ordered, That the Chair’s draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 18 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

A Paper was appended to the Report as an Appendix.

WELSH AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Culture, Media and Sport Committee withdrew.

Members present:

David T.C. Davies, in the Chair

Guto Bebb
Alun Cairns
Geraint Davies
Jonathan Edwards

Susan Elan Jones
Jessica Morden
Mr Mark Williams

Draft Report (Pre-appointment hearing for the Government’s preferred candidate for Chairman of the S4C Authority), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

Resolved, That the draft Report prepared by the Welsh Affairs and Culture, Media and Sport Committees, be the Sixth Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the provisions of Standing Order No. 137A(2) be applied to the Report.

Ordered, That David T.C. Davies make the Joint Report to the House.

Ordered, That embargoed copies of the Report be made available, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No.134 (Select committees (reports)).

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 June at 2.30 p.m.]
CULTURE, MEDIA AND SPORT COMMITTEE

The Welsh Affairs Committee withdrew.

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Ms Louise Bagshawe
Damian Collins
Paul Farrelly
Mr Adrian Sanders
Mr Tom Watson

Draft Report (Pre-appointment hearing for the Government’s preferred candidate for Chairman of the S4C Authority), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

Resolved, That the draft Report prepared by the Welsh Affairs and Culture, Media and Sport Committees, be the Fifth Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the provisions of Standing Order No. 137A(2) be applied to the Report.

Ordered, That David T.C. Davies make the Joint Report to the House.

Ordered, That embargoed copies of the Report be made available, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No.134 (Select committees (reports)).

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 May at 11.30 a.m.

Tuesday 24 May 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Ms Louise Bagshawe
Damian Collins
Paul Farrelly
Mr Adrian Sanders
Mr Tom Watson

1. Letter from the Prime Minister regarding privacy and the use of injunctions and super-injunctions
The Committee discussed this matter.

2. 2018 World Cup Bid
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the 2018 World Cup Bid be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

FIFA
Qatar 2022 World Cup Bid Team
Premier League

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 June at 10.15 a.m.]
Tuesday 7 June 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Paul Farrelly

Louise Mensch
Mr Adrian Sanders

1. Department for Culture, Media and Sport Spring Supplementary Estimate 2010-11
The Committee discussed this matter.

2. 2018 World Cup Bid
Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by Mike Lee OBE relating to the 2018 World Cup Bid be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Follow-up to the Press standards, privacy and libel Report
Ordered, That a letter (dated 31 May 2011) to the Chairman from Rebekah Brooks, Chief Executive Officer, News International (PH 6), be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Funding of the arts and heritage
The Committee discussed this matter.

5. Spectrum
The Committee discussed this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 June at 10.15 a.m.

Tuesday 14 June 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Paul Farrelly

Louise Mensch
Mr Adrian Sanders

1. Football Governance
Ordered, That the written evidence submitted by Chris Vasper relating to Football Governance be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
2. **2018 World Cup Bid**
The Committee discussed this matter.

3. **Gambling**
*Resolved*, That the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with an overseas visit in connection with its inquiry into Gambling.

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Brussels in connection to its inquiry into Gambling.

4. **Channel 4 Annual Report and Financial Statements 2010**
Lord Burns GCB, Chairman, David Abraham, Chief Executive, and Anne Bulford, Chief Operating Officer, Channel 4, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 June at 10.15 a.m.]

**Tuesday 21 June 2011**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Mr Philip Davies
Paul Farrelly

Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan
Mr Tom Watson

1. **2018 World Cup Bid**
The Committee discussed this matter.

2. **Spectrum**
*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Spectrum be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Musicians' Union
Datod Ltd
Department for Culture, Media and Sport
Telefónica UK Ltd
Inmarsat
Countryside Alliance
Hutchison 3G UK Ltd (Three)
Federation of Communication Services
Northumberland National Park Authority
British Entertainment Industry Radio Group
Incorporated Society of Musicians
Tuesday 28 June 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Mr Philip Davies
Louise Mensch

Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan
Mr Tom Watson

1. Gambling
The Committee discussed this matter.

2. 2018 World Cup Bid
Draft Report (2018 World Cup Bid), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 1031.

3. Spectrum
Ronan Dunne, Chief Executive Officer, and Nicholas Blades, Head of Regulatory Affairs, Telefonica O2, David Rodman, Head of Regulatory Affairs, and Guy Laurence, Chief Executive Officer, Vodafone, gave oral evidence.

Rupert Pearce, Group General Counsel, and Chris McLaughlin, Vice President of External Affairs, Inmarsat, and Stephen Hearnden, Director of Telecommunications
and Technology, and Raj Sivalingam, Associate Director of Telecommunications and Spectrum, Intellect UK, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 July at 10.15 a.m.

Tuesday 5 July 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey          Paul Farrelly
Damian Collins            Louise Mensch
Philip Davies

1. DCMS Annual Report

Resolved, That the Committee invite the Secretary of State to give evidence on the DCMS Annual Report.

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. 2018 World Cup Bid

Resolved, That the Clerk conduct an inquiry into the leak of material related to its report on the 2018 World Cup Bid.

4. Spectrum

Ed Vaizey MP, Minister for Culture, Communications and the Creative Industries, and Simon Towler, Head of Broadband Policy, DCMS, gave oral evidence.

Ed Richards, Chief Executive, and Graham Louth, Director of Spectrum Markets, Ofcom, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 July at 10.15 a.m.

Tuesday 12 July 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey          Louise Mensch
Damian Collins            Mr Adrian Sanders
Philip Davies             Jim Sheridan
Paul Farrelly             Mr Tom Watson
Alan Keen
1. **Spectrum**  
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Spectrum be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

SP 21  Arqiva

2. **DCMS 2011-12 Main Estimate Memorandum**  
Ordered, That the DCMS Main Estimate Memorandum be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **Gambling**  
The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Channel 4**  
The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Football Governance**  
The Committee considered this matter.

6. **Phone-hacking**  
Resolved, That the Committee invite Mr Rupert Murdoch, Mr James Murdoch and Mrs Rebekah Brooks to give oral evidence on phone hacking on Tuesday 19 July 2011.

[Adjourned till Thursday 14 July at 10.00 a.m.]

**Thursday 14 July 2011**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey  
Damian Collins  
Paul Farrelly  
Alan Keen  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Mr Tom Watson

1. **Phone-hacking**  
Question put, That the Committee summon Mr James Murdoch to attend the Committee on Tuesday 19 July.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 6  
Dr Thérèse Coffey  
Damian Collins  
Paul Farrelly  
Alan Keen  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Mr Tom Watson  

Noes, 0
Question put, That the Committee summon Mr Rupert Murdoch to attend the Committee on Tuesday 19 July.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 6                Noes, 0
Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Paul Farrelly
Alan Keen
Mr Adrian Sanders
Mr Tom Watson

Ordered, That Mr James Murdoch and Mr Rupert Murdoch attend the Committee on Tuesday 19 July.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Phone Hacking be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letters from:

PH 7            Rebekah Brooks, 14 July 2011
PH 8            James Murdoch, 14 July 2011
PH 9            Rupert Murdoch, 14 July 2011

2. **BBC oral evidence session**
   Resolved, That the Committee rearrange the oral evidence session scheduled for 19 July for a date in the Autumn.

3. **2018 World Cup bid**
   The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Football Governance**
   Resolved, That the Clerk conduct an inquiry into the leak of details of the Committee’s draft Football Governance Report.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 July at 10.15 a.m.]

**Tuesday 19 July 2011**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey          Louise Mensch
Damian Collins             Mr Adrian Sanders
Philip Davies              Jim Sheridan
Paul Farrelly              Mr Tom Watson
Alan Keen
1. **Consideration of Public Petition**
   The Committee considered the petition to the House from the users of Pleck Library, Walsall.

2. **Football Governance**
   Draft Report (*Football Governance*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

   *The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 792.*

3. **BBC Licence Fee Settlement and Annual Report**
   Draft Special Report (*BBC Licence Fee Settlement and Annual Report: Responses to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2010-12*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

   Papers were appended to the Report as Appendices 1 and 2.

   *Resolved*, That the Report be the Fourth Special Report to the House.

   *Ordered*, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.

4. **Gambling**
   *Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to *Gambling* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   - GA 01 Probability plc
   - GA 02 Nikolas Shaw Ltd
   - GA 03 Professional Players Federation
   - GA 04 Praesepe plc
   - GA 05 Alderney Gambling Control Commission
   - GA 06 The Gala Coral Group
   - GA 07 Dr Liza Messing
   - GA 08 Ladder Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)
   - GA 09 Simon Thomas
   - GA 10 Lucy Jaffé
   - GA 11 Helen Russell
   - GA 12 Betfair
   - GA 13 Northern Ireland Horse Racing Group
   - GA 14 Valiant Sports Ltd t/as Rileys
   - GA 15 The Institute of Fundraising
   - GA 16 The A & S Leisure Group
   - GA 17 The GREaT Foundation
   - GA 18 Clive Carter
   - GA 19 Casino Operators Association UK
   - GA 20 Sport and Recreation Alliance
   - GA 21 Business In Sport and Leisure Limited
   - GA 22 William Hill
GamCare
Camelot
Asha Kaur
Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Haringey Council
Brian Cox and Michael Marklow
Remote Gambling Association
The FA Group
Rank Group
Councillor David Schmitz, Haringey Ward
BALPPA
Daniel Flanagan
Jersey Gambling Commission
Association of British Bookmakers
Federation of Racecourse Bookmakers
National Centre for Social Research
QAAD
CASINO Network
Methodist Church in Great Britain
James Orford
Wiggin LLP
Jeremy Hosea
British Beer and Pub Association
People's Postcode Lottery
David Lammy MP
CARE
Law Society of Scotland
Professor Linda Hancock
BACTA
Isle of Man Government
Mark Davies
Responsible Gambling Fund
West London Citizens
Fairer Gambling Campaign
Paul Mundy
The Bingo Association
London Borough of Haringey
Hon. Phillida Bunkle
The Lotteries Council
Sportech
Independent Betting Adjudication Service
Ladbrokes
Talarius
Advertising Standards Authority
Manx eGaming Association Limited
Gambling Commission
Bwin.party Digital Entertainment Limited
The National Bingo Game Association Limited
5. **Phone-hacking**
The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 July at 2.15 p.m.]

**Tuesday 19 July 2011**

**Members present:**

*Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair*

Dr Thérèse Coffey  
Damian Collins  
Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly  
Cathy Jamieson  

Alan Keen  
Louise Mensch  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Jim Sheridan  
Mr Tom Watson

1. **Phone Hacking**
The Committee considered this matter.

Rupert Murdoch, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, News Corporation, and James Murdoch, Deputy Chief Operating Officer and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, International News Corporation, gave oral evidence.

Rebekah Brooks, former Chief Executive Officer, News International Ltd, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Friday 29 July at 11.30 a.m.]
Friday 29 July 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Philip Davies

Alan Keen
Mr Tom Watson

1. Phone-hacking: follow up

The Committee considered this matter.

Mr Tom Watson declared that he had made a verbal agreement with Penguin Books to write a book on phone hacking.

The Committee further considered this matter.

Question put, That the Committee do meet to take evidence from Jonathan Chapman, Tom Crone, Colin Myler and James Murdoch in the week beginning 14 August,—(Mr Tom Watson)

The Committee divided

Ayes, 1
Noes, 3

Mr Tom Watson
Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Philip Davies

Resolved, That the Chair write to James Murdoch and Rebekah Brooks requesting further information following their appearance before the Committee on 19 July.

Resolved, That the Chair write to Jonathan Chapman, Tom Crone and Colin Myler requesting written evidence.

Resolved, That the Chair write to Harbottle & Lewis requesting further written evidence.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letters from:

PH 13 Harbottle & Lewis, dated 20 and 21 July
2. Football Governance

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Chair write to the Chair of the Liaison Committee setting out the results of his investigation into the leak of the Committee’s Report.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 August at 10.30 am.

Tuesday 16 August 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey  Mr Adrian Sanders
Damian Collins  Jim Sheridan
Philip Davies  Mr Tom Watson
Alan Keen

1. Phone-hacking

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Phone-hacking be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letters from:

PH 15  James Murdoch, dated 11 August
PH 16  Rebekah Brooks
PH 17  Jonathan Chapman, dated 11 August
PH 18  Colin Myler, dated 10 August
PH 19  Tom Crone
PH 20  Harbottle and Lewis, dated 11 August
PH 21  Press Complaints Commission, dated 26 July
PH 22  Mark Lewis, Taylor Hampton Solicitors, 15 August
PH 23  John Turnbull, Linklaters LLP, dated 15 August

Resolved, That the Committee invite Jonathan Chapman, Daniel Close, Colin Myler and Tom Crone to give oral evidence on Phone-hacking on Tuesday 6 September 2011.
2. Gambling
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Gambling be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

GA 84  British Horseracing
GA 85  The Racecourse Association Limited

[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 September at 10.00 am.

Tuesday 6 September 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey  Louise Mensch
Damian Collins  Mr Adrian Sanders
Philip Davies  Jim Sheridan
Cathy Jamieson  Mr Tom Watson

1. Declaration of interests
Cathy Jamieson declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

2. Remunerated employment, office, profession etc

Member of Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh EM99 1SP (until May 2011, see category 11 below). I received one third of an MSP’s salary which I donated to charity.

30 June 2010, net salary received of £1,411.89. Hours: 100 hrs.

31 July 2010, net salary received of £1,411.89. Hours: 100 hrs.

31 August 2010, net salary received of £1,411.89. Hours: 100 hrs.

30 September 2010, net salary received of £1,411.89. Hours: 100 hrs.

(Registered 10 October 2010)

31 October 2010, net salary received of £1,411.89. Hours: 100 hrs.

30 November 2010, net salary received of £1,411.89. Hours: 100 hrs.

(Registered 30 November 2010)

31 December 2010, net salary received of £1,411.89. Hours: 100 hrs.
31 January 2011, net salary received of £1,411.89. Hours: 100 hrs.

*Registered 7 February 2011*

28 February 2011, net salary received of £1,411.89. Hours: 100 hrs.

*Registered 2 March 2011*

### 6. Overseas visits

Name of donor: ACTION (Advocacy to Control TB Internationally) Project within RESULTS UK

Address of donor:

**Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £2,800, including return flights, accommodation, per diem for 6 days and 5 nights)**

Destination of visit: Rwanda

Date of visit: 19-26 February 2011

Purpose of visit: to educate MPs on the impact of tuberculosis on development, visiting Rwanda as an example for other African countries in tackling tuberculosis and HIV coinfection, and learning about the impact of support to Rwanda through bilateral and multilateral channels. The delegation also looked into how UK aid is currently being utilized in the fight against TB and HIV in Rwanda and the future role of UK aid.

*Registered 23 March 2011*

### 11. Miscellaneous

I have received a resettlement grant from the Scottish Parliament, May 2011.

In addition to the interests set out above, Cathy Jamieson declared the following additional interests:

– A recent trip to Gaza, hosted by the Council for European Palestinian Relations (CEPR);

– Membership of the Board of the Barony A Frame Trust, which has received Heritage Lottery Funding, and currently receives Leader programme funding; and

– Membership of Kilmarnick Football Supports Trust.

### 2. Phone-hacking

The Committee considered this matter.
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Phone-hacking be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letters from:

PH 25  Daniel Cloke, dated 31 August
PH 26  Stuart Kuttner, dated 25 August
PH 27  Farrer & Co, dated 2 September
PH 28  Lawrence Abramson, dated 24 August
PH 29  BCL Burton Copeland, dated 30 August
PH 30  Les Hinton, dated 31 August
PH 31  Andy Coulson, dated 31 August
PH 32  Linklaters, dated 18 August 2011
PH 33  Rebekah Brooks, dated 4 November 2009
PH 34  Saunders Law, dated 1 September 2011

3. Spectrum

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Spectrum be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

SP 07A  Three

4. Gambling

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Australia and Hong Kong in November in connection with its inquiry into the Gambling, and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Gambling be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

GA 83  Local Government Association

5. Phone-hacking

Jonathan Chapman, former Director of Legal Affairs and Daniel Cloke, former Group HR Director, News International, gave oral evidence.

Colin Myler, former Editor, News of the World and Tom Crone, former Legal Manager, News Group Newspapers, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 September at 10.15 am.]
Tuesday 7 September 2011

The Chair, Dr Thérèse Coffey, Philip Davies, Cathy Jamieson, and Jim Sheridan attended a meeting and visit hosted by the National Casino Industry Forum, in connection with the Committee’s Gambling Inquiry in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 28 June 2011.

Tuesday 13 September 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Philip Davies
Cathy Jamieson
Louise Mensch
Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan
Mr Tom Watson

1. Gambling

Ordered, That Peter Collins and Steve Donoughue be appointed as Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Gambling.

Resolved, The Committee take note of the declaration by Peter Collins, Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Gambling:

I am currently an (unpaid) trustee of the Charity Gamcare.

I have also periodically, since 1995, consulted for Sun International in South Africa on responsible gambling matters, licensing matters and international developments in the casino industry.

Resolved, The Committee take note of the declaration by Steve Donoughue, Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Gambling:

I am a management consultant who specialises in the gambling industry. I have therefore, spent my whole professional life working for organisations involved, either directly or indirectly, with the gambling industry, both globally and in the UK.

I am currently employed on a 3 month contract (August – October 2011) by the National Casino Industry Forum (NCIF), providing content for the new website. This is content that NCIF would wish members of the Select Committee to see. I have informed NCIF that should I be fortunate enough to be appointed as Specialist Adviser and that should happen while I was still in their employment, I would seek leave of absence from the NCIF job.

In 2011 I have provided consultancy services for:
Wave Telecom, a provider of data hosting services to the online gambling industry in Alderney and Guernsey.
Jersey Enterprise, the promotional arm of the States of Jersey who have just legalised online gambling.

In January I was for a few weeks, the interim CEO of the Gordon Moody Association, a problem gambling charity. I still have an indirect involvement as I have made a formal complaint about financial malpractice of the previous CEO to the Charity Commission.

I have no financial interests in any gambling companies apart from betting accounts with all the main bookmakers. I have been until recently a shareholder in a less than average racehorse and am a member of the Racehorse Owners Association. I am a member of the Ritz casino, Grosvenor Casinos, London Clubs Casinos and Napoleon’s. I am a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a member of the Reform Club. Politically I am a fully paid member of the Labour Party.

I am the unpaid Secretariat of the Parliamentary All Party Betting and Gaming Group and to assist my work have received a Parliamentary Pass through the good offices of Baroness Golding. I have made submissions to the Register of Interests of pass holders for a number of years.

My father, Lord Donoughue, has numerous interests regarding the gambling industry, all of which are available on the Register of Lord’s Interests.

2. Phone-hacking
   The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Phone-hacking be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PH 24    Rebekah Brooks, dated 12 September
PH 35    Linklaters, dated 12 September

Resolved, That the Committee invite Les Hinton to give oral evidence on Phone-hacking by the end of October.

Resolved, That the Committee invite Farrer & Co and Mark Lewis, Partner, Taylor Hampton Solicitors, to give oral evidence on Phone-hacking on Wednesday 19 October.

Resolved, That the Committee invite James Murdoch to give oral evidence on Phone-hacking by the end of November.

3. Spectrum
   Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Spectrum be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

SP 22    Everything Everywhere
[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 October at 10.00 am.]

**Tuesday 11- Wednesday 12 October 2011**

The Chair, Dr Thérèse Coffey, Damien Collins, Philip Davies, Paul Farrelly, and Mr Adrian Sanders visited Brussels in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 14 June 2011.

**Tuesday 18 October 2011**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Philip Davies
Paul Farrelly

Louise Mensch
Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan

1. **Spectrum**
The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Phone-hacking**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letter from:

PH 36 James Murdoch, News Corporation, dated 3 October 2011

3. **Gambling**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

GA 77 Gambling Reform & Society Perception Group (GRASP)
GA 86 Geoff Banks
GA 87 Featurespace
GA 88 Mark Alexander

Peter Brooks, National Casino Industry Forum, and President and Chief Operating Officer, Genting UK, Roy Ramm, Compliance Director, London Clubs International, and Simon Thomas, Chairman, Hippodrome Casino, Leicester Square, gave oral evidence.

Dirk Vennix, Chief Executive, and Warwick Bartlett, Chairman, Association of British Bookmakers, Andrew Lyman, Head of Public Affairs, and David Steele, Commercial
Director, William Hill, and Richard Glynn, Chief Executive Officer, Ladbrokes, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 19 October at 10.15 am

Wednesday 19 October 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey  Louise Mensch
Damian Collins  Mr Adrian Sanders
Philip Davies  Jim Sheridan
Paul Farrelly  Mr Tom Watson

1. Gambling
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Phone-hacking
The Committee considered this matter.

Julian Pike, Partner, Farrer & Co, gave oral evidence.

Mark Lewis, Partner, Taylor Hampton Solicitors, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 24 October at 12.00 pm

Monday 24 October 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey  Paul Farrelly
Damian Collins  Mr Tom Watson
Philip Davies
Tuesday 25 October 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Philip Davies
Mr Adrian Sanders

1. 2018 World Cup Bid: Responses to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2010-12

Draft Report (2018 World Cup Bid: Responses to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2010-12), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Ninth Report of the Committee, HC 1602.

2. Football Governance

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Spectrum

Draft Report (Spectrum), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Eighth Report of the Committee, HC 1258.

4. Gambling

The Committee considered this matter.

Ian Burke, Chairman and Chief Executive, and Alan Armstrong, Compliance and Development Director, Rank Group, John O’Reilly, Managing Director Coral Interactive, and Neil Goulden, Chairman, GREaT Foundation, and Chairman Emeritus, Gala Coral Group, gave oral evidence.

John Greenway, former Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Draft Gambling Bill, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 27 October at 10.00 am]
Thursday 27 October 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Philip Davies
Steve Rotheram
Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan

1. Declaration of Interests
Steve Rotheram declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House 13 July 1992, as follows:

He is a season ticket holder at Liverpool Football Club; and

2. Remunerated employment, office, profession etc

Fees from ComRes, 4 Millbank, London SW1P 3JA, for completing surveys:

September 2010, received £75. Hours: 40 mins. Fee donated to charity. *(Registered 13 December 2010)*

October 2010, received £75. Hours: 40 mins. Fee donated to my Constituency Labour Party. *(Registered 13 December 2010)*

November 2010, received £75. Hours: 40 mins. Fee donated to charity. *(Registered 13 December 2010)*

18 January 2011, received £75. Hours: 40 mins. Fee donated to charity. *(Registered 11 February 2011)*

10 March 2011, received £75. Hours: 40 mins. Fee donated to my constituency party. *(Registered 22 March 2011)*

29 March 2011, received £75. Hours: 40 mins. Fee donated to community group. *(Registered 4 May 2011)*

17 May 2011, received £75. Hours: 40 mins. Fee donated to Liverpool Walton Constituency Labour Party. *(Registered 6 June 2011)*

9 June 2011, received £75. Hours: 40 mins. Fee donated to charity. *(Registered 5 July 2011)*

Since May 2010 I have received a monthly payment of £464.14 Councillors’ Allowance as a City Councillor in Liverpool. This will cease in May 2011. The monthly payment is donated to charity. *(Registered 6 August 2010)*
4. Sponsorships

(a) Donations to my constituency party or association, which have been or will be reported by my party to the Electoral Commission:

Name of donor: Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians (UCATT)
Address of donor: UCATT House, 177 Abbeville Road, London SW4 9RL
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
Donor status: trade union

(Registered 13 December 2010)

Name of donor: Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians (UCATT)
Address of donor: UCATT House, 177 Abbeville Road, London SW4 9RL
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
Donor status: trade union

(Registered 25 May 2011)

5. Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK)

Name of donor: Marina Dalglish Breast Cancer Charity
Address of donor: 78 Seal Street, Liverpool L1 4BH
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: 2 tickets for a charity ball; total value £700
Date of receipt of donation: 5 February 2011
Date of acceptance of donation: 5 February 2011
Donor status: charity

(Registered 11 February 2011)

Name of donor: Lord Daresbury and directors of Aintree Racecourse
Address of donor: Aintree Racecourse, Ormskirk Road, Liverpool L9 5AS
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: two tickets for lunch and racing at Aintree Racecourse on 8 April 2011; total estimated value £800.
Date of receipt of donation: 5 April 2011
Date of acceptance of donation: 8 April 2011

Donor status: company, registration number 2909409

(Registered 21 April 2011)

8. Land and Property

Two terrace properties in Liverpool for which a rental income is received.

9. Shareholdings

(a) SIP Property Development LLP owns both terraced properties in Liverpool.

2. Consideration of Public Petition
The Committee considered the petition to the House from Listeners to BBC Radio Merseyside, concerning proposed cuts to BBC Radio Merseyside.

3. Football Governance
The Committee considered this matter.

4. Future programme
The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Olympic Park on Tuesday 17 January 2012 in connection with its inquiry into London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

5. Gambling
The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

GA 89 Hospice Lotteries Association
GA 90 Responsible Gambling Fund

6. DCMS Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11 and the Responsibilities of the Secretary of State
The Rt. Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport, and Jonathan Stephens, Permanent Secretary, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 November at 10.00 am]
Tuesday 1 November 2011

The Committee met at the Mecca Bingo Hall, Dagenham

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Philip Davies
Louise Mensch
Steve Rotheram

1. Future Programme
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Phone-hacking
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letters from:

PH 37  Mark Lewis, dated 25 October 2011
PH 38  Michael Silverleaf QC
PH 39  Colin Myler
PH 40  Julian Pike

3. Gambling
Paul Talboys, Chief Executive, Bingo Association, Kevin Allcock, Operations Director, Mecca Bingo, and John Carpenter, Manager, New Coronet Bingo Hall, gave oral evidence.

Leslie Macleod-Miller, Chief Executive, and Derek Petrie, President, and John Bollom, Trustee, British Amusement Catering Trade Association, Peter Harvey, Chief Executive, Talarius, and Elizabeth Speed, Group Solicitor, Noble Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 November at 10.15 am]

Tuesday 8 November 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Damian Collins
Philip Davies
Paul Farrelly

Steve Rotheram
Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan
1. **Future programme**
The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into media plurality and library closures.

2. **Unauthorised Disclosure of draft Report**
Draft Special Report (*Unauthorised Disclosure of draft Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*Ordered*, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph. Paragraphs 1 to 5 read and agreed to.

Papers were appended to the Report as Appendices 1 to 8.

*Resolved*, That the Report be the Fifth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

3. **Phone-hacking**
The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letters from:

PH 41  Tom Crone, dated 5 November 2011
PH 42  Linklaters, dated 5 November 2011

4. **Gambling**
Clive Hawkswood, Chief Executive, and John Coates, Chairman, Remote Gambling Association, Peter Reynolds, Director of Communications, Bwin.party, Martin Cruddace, Chief Legal and Regulatory Officer, Betfair, and Charles Cohen, Chief Executive Officer, Probability, gave oral evidence.

Councilor David Parsons CBE, Chairman of Local Government Association Environment and Housing Board and Leader of Leicestershire County Council, Mike Holmes, Planning Advisor, Local Government Association, Richard Dowson, Chair, Casino Network and Senior Business Development Officer, Middlesbrough Council, and Stuart Baillie, former Chairman, Casino Network, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 10 November at 10.15 am]
Thursday 10 November 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Philip Davies
Louise Mensch
Paul Farrelly

Steve Rotheram
Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan
Mr Tom Watson

1. Phone-hacking
The Committee considered this matter.

James Murdoch, Deputy Chief Operating Officer and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, International News Corporation, News International, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 November at 10.00 am]

Tuesday 15 November 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Philip Davies
Louise Mensch

Steve Rotheram
Jim Sheridan
Mr Tom Watson

1. Gambling
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Phone-hacking
The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Chair write to Colin Myler, Tom Crone, Farrar & Co. and James Murdoch, seeking further written evidence.

2. London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games
The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the house for publication:
1. **Consideration of Public Petition**
The Committee considered the petition to the House from the organising group of the Blaydon Races 150th Anniversary Campaign.

2. **DCMS Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11 and the Responsibilities of the Secretary of State**
That the following written evidence relating to scrutiny of the DCMS be reported to the House for publication:

   Secretary of State for Culture, Media, Olympics and Sport

   Resolved, That the Chair write to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media, Olympics and Sport seeking further written evidence.

3. **Phone-hacking**
The Committee considered this matter.

   Resolved, That the Chair write to Colin Myler, Tom Crone, James Murdoch, Rebekah Brooks, Max Clifford and Neville Thurlbeck, seeking further written evidence.

4. **Channel 4 Annual Report**
Draft Report (*Channel 4 Annual Report*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

   The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Tenth Report of the Committee, HC 1175.
5. **Gambling**  
The Committee considered this matter.

Helena Chambers, Director, Quaker Action on Alcohol and Drugs, Daniel Webster, Parliamentary Officer, Evangelical Alliance, James North, Policy Officer, The Methodist Church in Great Britain, Gareth Wallace, Public Affairs Advisor, Salvation Army, and Lauri Moyle, Gambling Policy Officer, CARE, gave oral evidence.

Andy McLellan, Chief Executive, and Anthony Jennens, Chairman, GamCare, Heather Wardle, Research Director, National Centre for Social Research, and Professor Jim Orford, Gambling Specialist, University of Birmingham, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 December at 10.00 am]

**Saturday 26 November - Sunday 4 December 2011**

*The Chair, Dr Thérèse Coffey, Philip Davies, Adrian Sanders and Jim Sheridan visited Australia and Hong Kong in connection with the inquiry into Gambling, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 6 September 2011.*

**Wednesday 7 December 2011**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey  
Damian Collins  
Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Jim Sheridan

1. **Gambling**  
*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

GA 91 Martin Cruddace, Betfair  
GA 92 Shannon Hanrahan

2. **Phone-hacking**  
The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
Letters from:

PH 43  Colin Myler, dated 28 November
PH 43B  Colin Myler, dated 1 December
PH 44  Julian Pike, dated 28 November
PH 45  Neville Thurlbeck, dated 29 November
PH 46  News Corporation Management and Standards Board (via Linklaters), dated 1 December
PH 46B  James Murdoch, News Corporation, dated 1 December
PH 47  Rebekah Brooks, dated 1 December
PH 48  Tom Crone, dated 1 December

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 December at 10.15 am

Tuesday 13 December 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey  Steve Rotheram
Damian Collins  Mr Adrian Sanders
Philip Davies  Jim Sheridan
Paul Farrelly  Mr Tom Watson

1. Phone-hacking

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letters from:

PH 50  Management and Standards Committee at News Corporation (via Linklaters), dated 12 December
PH 50A  James Murdoch, News Corporation, dated 12 December

Resolved, That the Chair write to Surrey Police seeking written evidence.

Lord Patten, Chair, BBC Trust, Mark Thompson, Director General, and Zarin Patel, Chief Financial Officer, BBC, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 December at 10.00 am]
Tuesday 20 December 2011

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Philip Davies
Paul Farrelly
Louise Mensch

Steve Rotheram
Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan
Mr Gerry Sutcliffe

1. Declaration of interests
Mr Gerry Sutcliffe declared his interests in accordance with the Resolution of the House 13 July 1992, as follows:

Manchester United Season Ticket holder
Patron of Bradford City Community Trust

5. Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK)

Name of donor: Heineken UK
Address of donor: 2-4 Broadway Park, South Gyle Broadway, Edinburgh EH12 9JZ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: my wife and I were guests at the Grand National meeting including overnight accommodation; value £945

Date of receipt of donation: 9 April 2011
Date of acceptance of donation: 9 April 2011
Donor status: company, registration number SC065527

(Registered 13 June 2011)

6. Overseas visits

Name of donor: The European Azerbaijan Society

Address of donor: 11-12 St James’s Square London SW1Y 4LB

Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): £3,500, covering cost of flights, accommodation, internal travel

Destination of visit: Azerbaijan

Date of visit: 25-30 May 2011

Purpose of visit: to meet senior Azeri political and business figures, British diplomats
and visit some of the regions

(Registered 13 June 2011)

2. Consideration of Public Petition
The Committee considered observations on a petition to the House from Luciana Berger MP concerning proposed cuts to BBC Radio Merseyside.

3. Future programme
Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the broadcasting of women’s sports.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK).

4. Phone-hacking
The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House:

Letters from:

PH 49      Max Clifford, dated 30 November
PH 49B     Max Clifford, dated 13 December

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letter from:

PH 51      Management and Standards Committee at News Corp (via Linklaters), dated 20 December

Question put, That further written evidence be sought from Max Clifford,– (Paul Farrelly)

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 2
Paul Farrelly
Steve Rotheram

Noes, 7
Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Philip Davies
Louise Mensch
Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan
Mr Mr Gerry Sutcliffe

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 January at 10.15 am]
Tuesday 10 January 2012

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey     Steve Rotheram
Damian Collins        Mr Adrian Sanders
Philip Davies         Jim Sheridan
Paul Farrelly         Mr Gerry Sutcliffe
Louise Mensch         Mr Tom Watson

1. **Consideration of Public Petition**
The Committee considered observations on a petition to the House from Chi Onwurah MP concerning Blaydon Races 150th Anniversary Campaign.

2. **Gambling**
The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

GA 93        Phillip Brear, Gibraltar Gambling Commissioner
GA 94        The Bingo Association
GA 95        Bwin.party
GA 96        The Methodist Church
GA 97        GAMCARE
GA 98        The Sports Rights Owners Coalition (“SROC”)

3. **Future programme**
*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into racism in football.

4. **Phone-hacking**
The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 January at 10.00 am

Thursday 12 January 2012

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey     Steve Rotheram
Damian Collins        Mr Adrian Sanders
Philip Davies         Jim Sheridan
Paul Farrelly         Mr Gerry Sutcliffe
1. **Appointment of Specialist Advisers**

*Ordered*, That Mr Ray Gallagher be re-appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters relating to its remit.

*Ordered*, That Sara John be re-appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters relating to its remit.

2. **Gambling**

The Committee considered this matter.

Tessa Jowell, former Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, and Richard Caborn, former Minister for Sport and Tourism, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence.

Andre Wilsenach, Executive Director, Alderney Gambling Control Commission, Phillip Brear, Gambling Commissioner, Gibraltar Gambling Commission, and Graham White, Chairman, Jersey Gambling Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 January at 10.15 am]

**Tuesday 17 January 2012**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey  
Damian Collins  
Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly  
Louise Mensch  

Steve Rotheram  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Jim Sheridan  
Mr Gerry Sutcliffe

1. **Phone-hacking**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 19 January at 10.15 am]

**Tuesday 17 January 2012**

*The Chair, Dr Thérèse Coffey, Damian Collins, Paul Farrelly, Louise Mensch, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Steve Rotheram visited the Olympic Park in Stratford in connection with their inquiry into the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.*

*The Chair, Dr Thérèse Coffey, Damian Collins, and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe visited a casino in Newham in connection with their inquiry into Gambling.*
Thursday 19 January 2012

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Philip Davies
Paul Farrelly
Steve Rotheram
Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan
Mr Gerry Sutcliffe
Mr Tom Watson

1. Phone-hacking

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letters from:

PH 52  Surrey Police, 17 January 2012
PH 53  Management and Standards Committee at News Corporation (via Linklaters), dated 18 January 2012

2. Gambling

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

GA 100  National Casino Industry Forum (NCiF)
GA 101  William Hill

Jenny Williams, Chief Executive, and Philip Graf, Chair, Gambling Commission, Brian Pomeroy, Chair, Responsible Gambling Strategy Board, gave oral evidence.

John Penrose, Minister for Tourism and Heritage, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, and Chloe Smith, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 January at 11.00 am]
Tuesday 24 January 2012

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey          Louise Mensch
Damian Collins             Steve Rotheram
Philip Davies              Mr Adrian Sanders
Paul Farrelly              Mr Gerry Sutcliffe

1. **Library closures**
The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Spectrum**
Draft Special Report (*Spectrum: Government Response to the Committee’s Eighth Report of Session 2010–12*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*Ordered*, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraph 1 read and agreed to.

A Paper was appended to the Report as an Appendix.

*Resolved*, That the Report be the Sixth Special Report to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

3. **Phone-hacking**
The Committee considered this matter.

4. **London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games**
Rt Hon. Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport, Hugh Robertson MP, Minister for Sport and the Olympics and Jonathan Stephens, Permanent Secretary, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 31 January at 10.15 am]
Tuesday 31 January 2012

Members present:

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In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Mr Adrian Sanders was called to the Chair for the meeting.

1. Gambling
The Committee considered this matter.

2. Library closures
The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, that the Committee visit Pimlico Library, South Lambeth Library and the Ideas Store at Canary Wharf.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

1. S R Sibley, Chief Executive Officer, W F Howes Ltd
2. D J Williams
3. Simon Barron
4. Lechlade & District Civic Society
5. Campaign for the Book
6. Desmond Clarke
7. Alice Lock
8. June Winifred Quigley
9. David James Quigley
10. Shirley Burnham
11. Mike Cavanagh
12. Colin F Gibb
13. Camden Public Libraries Users Group
14. Black Country Shared Library Project
15. Save Bolton Libraries Campaign (SBLC)
16. Association of Friends of Dorset Libraries
17. Cornwall Council
18. West Midlands Society of Chief Librarians
19. Christopher Pipe
20. Councillor Henry Higgins, Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure at the London Borough of Hillingdon
21. Hereford Library Users’ Group
The We Heart Libraries
Friends of Gloucestershire Libraries
Association of Senior Children’s and Education Librarians
Nether Stowey Community Library Steering Committee
Staffordshire County Council
Bill Welland
The Booksellers Association
The Reading Agency
Save Preston Library Campaign
The Network
John Holland, on behalf of former librarians of Gloucestershire Libraries
Professor Robert Usherwood
Graham Meadows
Sarah McClennan
Libraries and Information East Midlands
Gillian Johnson
Jules Channer
Wyre Forest Agenda
Libraries for Life for Londoners
South Gloucestershire Council
Share the Vision
Derbyshire County Council
School Library Association
Lechlade Town Council Library Working Group
RNIB
Watchet Library Friends Group
Users and Friends of Manor House Library
Mrs J E Orman
Professor John Irven, Treasurer of Watchet Library Friends and Friends of Somerset Libraries
Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP)
Mrs R G Lawler
Friends of Waterloo Library
The Combined Regions Ltd
Mr Tony Hoare and Mr Mike Bedford
Councillor David Pugh, Leader of the Isle of Wight Council
Councillor Paul Lorber, Liberal Democrat Group Leader, Brent Council
UNISON
Friends of Carnegie Library
Friends of Goring Library
Voices for the Library
Society of Chief Librarians
Pam Jakeman
Upper Norwood Library Campaign
The Friends of York Gardens Library and Community Centre
Dorset County Council
National Federation of Women’s Institutes (NFWI)
Sarah Tanburn
The Library Campaign
Lewisham People Before Profit
Alan Goodearl
Kirsty Braithwaite
Anne Bennet
Newnham Library Support Group
John Laing Integrated Services
The Publishers Association
Lynne Coppendale
Simon Gurevitz on behalf of Friends of Preston Library and Preston Community Library
Alan Dove
Kent County Council
Friends of Lambeth Libraries
The Reynolds Family
The Friends of Wiveliscombe Library (FOWL)
Save Friern Barnet Library Group
We Care Foundation
Simon Randall CBE, Consultant and Joanna Bussell, Partner of solicitors, Winckworth Sherwood LLP
The Bookseller
Kirkburton Parish Council
Alison Hopkins
Elizabeth Chapman
Old Coulsdon Library Supporters Group
Birmingham Library and Archives Services
Laura Collignon
Save Croyden Libraries Campaign
Saleem Yousaf
Gareth Osler
Josephine Grahl
Sara Wingate Gray, Alice Corble, The Itinerant Poetry Librarian
Department of Culture Media & Sport
National Union of Journalists
Gloucestershire County Council
Friends of the Durning Library
John Dougherty
Tim White
Save Cricklewood Library Campaign
Leicestershire County Council
Anne Howie
Councillor Henri Murison (Cabinet member for Quality of Life) and Tony Durcan (Director of Culture, Libraries and Learning) on behalf of Newcastle City Council
Roger Backhouse
Hugh Paton
3. Football governance
The Committee considered this matter.

4. London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games
The Committee considered this matter.

5. Future business
Resolved, That the Committee postpone all unconfirmed business until the completion of its inquiry into Phone-hacking.

6. Phone-hacking
The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letters from:

PH 54 Metropolitan Police, dated 25 January 2012
PH 55 John Turnbull, on behalf of the Management and Standards Committee at News Corporation (via Linklaters), dated 25 January 2012
PH 56 James Murdoch, News Corporation, dated 26 January 2012

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 February at 10.15 am]
Tuesday 7 February 2012

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Damian Collins       Mr Adrian Sanders
Paul Farrelly        Mr Jim Sheridan
Louise Mensch        Mr Gerry Sutcliffe
Steve Rotheram

1. London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

OLY 02 Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA)
OLY 03 London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games

2. Channel 4 Annual Report

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letters from:

Department for Culture, Media and Sport, dated 24 January 2012
Lord Burns GCB, Chairman, Channel 4, dated 16 January 2012

3. Library closures

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

LIB 131 Sue Charteris

Miranda McKearney OBE, Director, The Reading Agency, Abigail Barker, Voices for the Library and Andrew Coburn, Secretary, The Library Campaign, gave oral evidence.

Sue Charteris, author of the Charteris Report, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 8 February at 10.00 am]
Wednesday 8 February 2012

Members present:

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Philip Davies
Paul Farrelly
Louise Mensch
Steve Rotheram
Mr Adrian Sanders
Mr Jim Sheridan
Mr Gerry Sutcliffe

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Mr Adrian Sanders was called to the Chair for part of the meeting.

1. Phone-hacking
The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letter from:

PH 57 John Turnbull, on behalf of the Management and Standards Committee at News Corporation (via Linklaters), dated 6 February 2012

Mr John Whittingdale took the Chair.

2. Future programme
The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 February at 10.15 am]

Tuesday 21 February 2012

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Paul Farrelly
Louise Mensch
Steve Rotheram
Mr Adrian Sanders
Mr Gerry Sutcliffe
Mr Tom Watson

1. Gambling
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
2. London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

OLY 04 DCMS

3. Library closures

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

LIB 132 Martyn Everett

Alan Davey, Chief Executive, Arts Council England and Annie Mauger, Chief Executive, Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, gave oral evidence.

David Pugh, Leader, Isle of Wight Council, Elizabeth Campbell, Local Government Association, and Nigel Thomas, Service Delivery Manager, Leicestershire County Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 February at 10.00 am

Wednesday 22 February 2012

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey Louise Mensch
Damian Collins Mr Adrian Sanders
Philip Davies Jim Sheridan
Paul Farrelly Mr Tom Watson

1. Phone-hacking

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 28 February at 10.15 am
Tuesday 28 February 2012

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey  Mr Adrian Sanders
Damian Collins     Jim Sheridan
Philip Davies      Mr Gerry Sutcliffe
Paul Farrelly      Mr Tom Watson
Louise Mensch

1. Gambling

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

GA 103   NCiF

2. Phone-hacking

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letters from:

PH 58   Letter from James Murdoch, dated 20 February 2012
PH 59   Letter from Sue Akers, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Metropolitan Police, dated 16 February 2012

[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 March at 10.15 am

Tuesday 6 March 2012

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey  Steve Rotheram
Damian Collins     Mr Adrian Sanders
Philip Davies      Jim Sheridan
Paul Farrelly      Mr Gerry Sutcliffe
Louise Mensch      Mr Tom Watson
1. Library closures

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

LIB 133 Suffolk’s Libraries IPS Ltd

2. Phone-hacking

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 March at 10.00 am

Tuesday 13 March 2012

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Paul Farrelly
Louise Mensch

Steve Rotheram
Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan

1. Spectrum

Draft Special Report (Spectrum: Ofcom’s Response to the Committee’s Eighth Report of Session 2010–12), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraph 1 read and agreed to.

A Paper was appended to the Report as an Appendix.

Resolved, That the Report be the Seventh Special Report to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

2. Racism in football

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

RAC 1 Show Racism the Red Card
RAC 2 Football Supporters’ Federation
RAC 3 The Football Association
RAC 4 The Football League
RAC 5 Stonewall
RAC 6 All-Party Parliamentary Group Against Antisemitism
3. BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2010-12
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letter from Lord Patten, Chairman, BBC Trust

4. Phone-hacking
The Committee considered this matter.

5. Library closures
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

LIB 134 Serena Brunke

Ed Vaizey MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Culture, Communications, and Creative Industries), Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 14 March at 2.45 pm

Wednesday 14 March 2012

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Damian Collins Louise Mensch

1. Phone-hacking
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PH 60 Letter from James Murdoch, dated 12 March 2012

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 March at 3.30pm
Tuesday 20 March 2012

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey  
Damian Collins  
Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly  
Steve Rotheram  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Jim Sheridan  
Mr Tom Watson

1. Gambling

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

GA 104 Bet 365  
GA 105 DCMS

2. Library closures

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

LIB 135 Voices for the Library

3. Phone-hacking

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PH 61 Letter from the Management and Standards Committee at News Corp (via Linklaters), dated 12 March.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 27 March at 10.15 am]

Tuesday 27 March 2012

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey  
Damian Collins  
Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly  
Louise Mensch  
Steve Rotheram  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Jim Sheridan  
Mr Tom Watson
1. Gambling

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

GA 106 Casino Operators Association UK

2. Library closures

Resolved, that the Committee visit Pimlico Library, South Lambeth Library and the Ideas Store at Canary Wharf on Tuesday 22 May.

3. London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letter to Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport, dated 21 March 2012.

4. Phone-hacking

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 16 April at 5.00 pm

Monday 16 April 2012

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Paul Farrelly
Louise Mensch

Steve Rotheram
Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan
Mr Gerry Sutcliffe
Mr Tom Watson

1. Phone-hacking

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 17 April at 10.15 am

Tuesday 17 April 2012

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair
1. Racism in football
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

RAC 14 Premier League

2. Phone-hacking
The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 April at 10.15 am

Tuesday 24 April 2012

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Dr Thérèse Coffey Louise Mensch
Damian Collins Steve Rotheram
Philip Davies Mr Adrian Sanders
Paul Farrelly Jim Sheridan
Louise Mensch Mr Gerry Sutcliffe
Mr Tom Watson

2. Library Closures
Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

LIB 136 Martin Hext

3. Football governance
The Committee took note of a letter from the Minister for Sport and the Olympics requesting it to consider the joint response of the Football Association, Premier League and Football League to the Committee’s report on Football Governance. The Committee agreed to hold a one-off evidence session on this subject.

4. Phone-hacking
The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 30 April at 10.30 am
1. London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the inquiry be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

OLY 05  Department of Culture, Media and Sport

2. News International and phone-hacking

Tom Watson declared an interest in relation to the Committee’s inquiry into phone hacking, in that Mr Max Mosley had offered to pay any legal costs incurred by Mr Watson in drawing up written evidence to be submitted to Lord Justice Leveson’s inquiry.

Draft Report (News International and phone-hacking), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*Ordered*, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 148 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 149 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraph 150 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 151 read, as follows:

Some of the evidence we received from third parties supported James Murdoch’s account. Neville Thurlbeck surmised in written evidence that “if Mr Murdoch had been told of the existence of the email, he would have asked questions of me. He didn’t”. Similarly, a note taken by Julian Pike of a telephone call that he had with Colin Myler on 27 May 2008 finished with “Les no longer here—James wld say get rid of them—cut out cancer”. The conditional statement “James wld say” shows that Colin Myler was indicating the reaction James Murdoch would have if he knew: Colin Myler thought that, if James Murdoch had been aware of a problem, he would have insisted on cutting out the “cancer” and dismissing those involved. James Murdoch himself suggested this interpretation, telling us on 10 November that the note “shows that perhaps [Colin Myler] was worried
about raising these issues with me, because I would have said, ‘get rid of them all’, and I would have said ‘cut out the cancer’—ie people who are suspected of wrongdoing, we would pursue and hold accountable. That was the way that I would approach it”. This is not what happened at the conclusion of the Gordon Taylor case, so either both Neville Thurlbeck and Colin Myler were wrong about the hard line that James Murdoch would have taken, or else James Murdoch was never properly informed about what was going on.

Amendment proposed, in line 11, to leave out from “Gordon Taylor case” to the end of the paragraph and add “but nothing definitive can be concluded from this. It can support, indeed, a number of interpretations: that James Murdoch was not fully informed about the extent of wrongdoing; that both Neville Thurlbeck and Colin Myler were wrong about the hard line that James Murdoch might have taken; or that he was informed, but his priorities lay elsewhere and he left Colin Myler to deal with the issue as the new editor of the newspaper.”—(Paul Farrelly)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 6
Paul Farrelly
Steve Rotheram
Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan
Mr Gerry Sutcliffe
Mr Tom Watson

Noes, 4
Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Philip Davies
Louise Mensch

Amendment agreed to.

Paragraph 151, as amended, agreed to.

Paragraphs 152 and 153 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 154 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraph 155 read, as follows:

In view of both Tom Crone’s recollection that he had been unable to make any copy of the ‘for Neville’ e-mail and of James Murdoch’s insistence that he did not see a copy of the document until he saw the redacted version published in the Committee’s 2010 Report on Press standards, privacy and libel, we are inclined to accept that James Murdoch did not see a copy of the ‘for Neville’ e-mail at the time that the Gordon Taylor settlement was agreed.

Amendment proposed, to leave out paragraph 155 and insert the following paragraphs:

“Under oath at the Leveson inquiry, however, Tom Crone insisted he had indeed shown James Murdoch the “for Neville” e-mail: “I’m pretty sure I held up the front page of the e-mail….I’m also pretty sure that he already knew about it.”
“At the inquiry, Tom Crone also went further. Before Rhodri Davies QC, counsel for News International, cut the interrogation short, on the grounds that the company had not waived legal privilege, in relation to the specific advice that Tom Crone gave to James Murdoch in this meeting, Tom Crone said that the Silverleaf opinion had also been discussed:

I think I certainly took a copy and possibly spare copies of the opinion. I probably took the pleadings, because that certainly is what I would normally do. And I think I took a copy plus spare copies of the front page of the ‘For Neville’ email.

What was certainly discussed was the e-mail. Not described as ‘for Neville’, but the damning email and what it meant in terms of further involvement in phone-hacking beyond Goodman and Mulcaire. And what was relayed to Mr Murdoch was that this document clearly was direct and hard evidence of that being the case. At the same time, I think I must have referred at some stage to Operation Motorman, because that would explain the quite hard references in senior counsel’s opinion.

“In testimony to the Leveson inquiry, James Murdoch also said of the conversation with Colin Myler on 27 May 2008 (which neither of them could recall, but which was referred to in the file note made by Julian Pike):

The note suggests that the conversation was brief. It records the outcome of the discussion as being ‘wait for the silks [sic] view’, so it is likely that, if the conversation took place, I would have suggested postponing any further discussion until we had advice from the QC. This is consistent with my recollection that the decision was based on advice from external counsel.

“Again, the fact that James Murdoch was awaiting the Silverleaf opinion proves nothing definitively one way or the other as to what he was shown, or of what he was made aware. It would be surprising in the circumstances, however, if it had not been discussed in some form. Whatever the reliability of other evidence given by Tom Crone, it is also unlikely that an in-house lawyer would go into such a meeting empty-handed. What we are being asked to believe by James Murdoch, however, was that he was neither told, nor asked to see, the essentials of the opinion he was waiting for. Once again, his and Tom Crone’s accounts regarding the Silverleaf opinion are contradictory.

“Tom Crone has given conflicting accounts as to whether he showed James Murdoch the ‘for Neville’ email, while James Murdoch has been consistent in insisting that he did not see a copy of the document until he saw the redacted version published in the Committee’s 2010 Report on Press standards, privacy and libel. Whilst this may seem surprising in itself—as the e-mail had been widely published during the summer of 2009—it is possible that he did not see a copy at the time the Gordon Taylor settlement was agreed. Given the conflicting accounts, however—and the reliability of evidence we have been given previously by witnesses from News International—the reality is that we cannot come to a definitive conclusion, one way or the other.
“Surprising as it may seem that James Murdoch did not ask to see this crucial piece of evidence, nor the independent Counsel’s opinion, his lack of curiosity—wilful ignorance even—subsequently is more astonishing. This stretched from July, 2009—when the ‘for Neville e-mail’ first became public—through the Committee’s critical report in February 2010 and further allegations in the New York Times in September 2010, to as far out as December 2010, when disclosures in the Sienna Miller case finally led him to realise, according to his own account, that the ‘one rogue reporter’ defence was untenable.” —(Paul Farrelly)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 6

Paul Farrelly
Steve Rotheram
Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan
Mr Gerry Sutcliffe
Mr Tom Watson

Noes, 4

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Philip Davies
Louise Mensch

Amendment agreed to.

Paragraph 155, as amended, agreed to.

Paragraph 156 (now paragraph 161) read, as follows:

In 2009 Tom Crone and Colin Myler asserted that they had investigated the ‘for Neville’ e-mail and that there was no concrete evidence to support the allegation that journalists other than Clive Goodman had been involved in phone-hacking. If they admitted to us that in 2008 they had made James Murdoch aware of the serious implications of the e-mail, they would have had to admit to having misled the Committee. As it stands, when pressed, their evidence turned out to be consistent with that given by James Murdoch. All three witnesses agreed that it had been made plain to James Murdoch that the ‘for Neville’ e-mail meant that the Gordon Taylor case had to be settled. None of them stated that James Murdoch was told that the e-mail had any wider significance for the company or that he had specifically asked them about any wider significance.

Amendment proposed, to leave out from “Committee.” to end of the paragraph and insert “They clearly did not tell truth to us then. Though their evidence has been demonstrably unreliable in other respects, however, it does not necessarily follow that they are not telling the truth with respect to James Murdoch and the ‘for Neville’ e-mail and Silverleaf opinion. We simply cannot adjudicate with confidence either way and suspect, as with so much to do with the phone-hacking saga, that more light will be shone on this as more documents and evidence emerge in the future. We may well revisit our conclusions in this Report if more information, currently subject to criminal proceedings or to legal privilege which has not been waived, is disclosed.” —(Paul Farrelly)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 6

Paul Farrelly
Steve Rotheram
Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan
Mr Gerry Sutcliffe
Mr Tom Watson

Noes, 4

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Philip Davies
Louise Mensch

Amendment agreed to.

Paragraph 156 (now paragraph 161), as amended, agreed to.

Paragraph 157 (now paragraph 162) read, as follows:

James Murdoch told us that, with the benefit of hindsight, News International should have taken note of the Committee's 2010 Press standards, privacy and libel Report and investigated the provenance of the “for Neville” e-mail more thoroughly. He also expressed regret that the company had moved to an “aggressive defence” so quickly. We would add to these admissions that, as the head of a journalistic enterprise, we are astonished that James Murdoch did not seek more information or ask to see the evidence and counsel's opinion when he was briefed by Tom Crone and Colin Myler on the Gordon Taylor case. Even for a large company, £700,000 is a not inconsequential sum of money, and it is extraordinary that the Chief Executive should authorise its payment on the basis of such scant information. There is, however, no conclusive evidence that James Murdoch saw the “for Neville” e-mail, or that he understood its wider significance.

Amendment proposed, to leave out from “astonished” to end of the paragraph and insert “surprised that James Murdoch did not seek more information or ask to see the evidence and counsel's opinion when he was briefed by Tom Crone and Colin Myler on the Gordon Taylor case. Even for a large company, £700,000 is a not inconsequential sum of money and we don’t believe that the Chief Executive should authorise its payment on the basis of such scant information. This is where James Murdoch, 'fell short' as he himself acknowledged in his letter to the committee of the 12th March 2012 and as stated in the same correspondence must take his 'share of responsibility' for the failure of News Corporation to expose and take action against wrong doing sooner. We have seen no conclusive evidence that James Murdoch saw the 'for Neville' email or that he understood its wider significance.”—(Damian Collins)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 4

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Paul Farrelly

Noes, 5

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Paul Farrelly
Amendment disagreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, leave out from second “information.” to end of the paragraph and insert “If he did, indeed, not ask to see either document, particularly the counsel’s opinion, this clearly raises questions of competence on the part of News International’s then Chairman and Chief Executive.”—(Paul Farrelly)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 7
Damian Collins
Paul Farrelly
Steve Rotheram
Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan
Mr Gerry Sutcliffe
Mr Tom Watson

Noes, 2
Dr Thérèse Coffey
Louise Mensch

Amendment agreed to.

Paragraph 157 (now paragraph 162), as amended, agreed to.

A paragraph—(Paul Farrelly)—brought up and read, as follows:

There is, however, a bigger picture—and longer timeframe—that is relevant beyond the Gordon Taylor settlement. Not specifically being shown evidence, nor asking to see it, nor discussing explicitly its ramifications is not the same as not being aware. From the conflicting accounts, and despite our surprise, we cannot say whether in 2008 James Murdoch was aware of the significance of the Taylor case, or of the importance attached by his executives to it being settled in confidence. We have been told that notwithstanding our 2010 Report, the further media investigations including the New York Times, the settlement with Max Clifford and further civil cases by non-royal victims, it was as late as December 2010 that James Murdoch—and Rupert Murdoch—realised that the ‘one rogue reporter’ line was untrue. This, we consider, to be simply astonishing.

Question put, that the paragraph be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 9
Damian Collins

Noes, 1
Dr Thérèse Coffey
The e-mail exchange that took place on 7 June 2008 demonstrates that James Murdoch was given the opportunity to appraise himself of the Gordon Taylor case and to make himself aware of its significance. Had he read the e-mail chain properly he ought to have asked searching questions of Colin Myler and Tom Crone. There is, however, no strong evidence to suggest that he did read the e-mail chain. If he did not read the e-mail chain, there is no good excuse for this and it betrays an astonishing lack of curiosity on the part of a Chief Executive. Had James Murdoch been more attentive to the correspondence that he received at the time, he could have taken action on phone-hacking in 2008 and this Committee could have been told the truth in 2009. We have, however, seen no firm evidence that James Murdoch had any significant involvement in negotiating the Gordon Taylor settlement until he authorised the increased settlement amount on 10 June 2008.

Motion made, to leave out paragraph 171 and insert the following new paragraphs:

“An email exchange took place on 7 June 2008 between Colin Myler and James Murdoch, in which Mr Myler asked for the meeting on 10 June. Within that email string, an email from Julian Pike to Tom Crone, dated 6 June 2008, and one from Tom Crone to Colin Myler, dated 7 June, were forwarded to Mr Murdoch.

In his letter of 12 March, Mr Murdoch asserts that he only noticed the request for a meeting and did not read the full string, because it arrived on 7 June, a Saturday, when he was alone with his two small children. He states his response "sent from my BlackBerry just over two minutes after he had sent his email, confirmed that I was available on 10 June 2008 for a meeting and said that I was home that evening if he wished to call before then. I have no...recollection of his calling that weekend."

The contents of the email string are ambiguous. Colin Myler states "unfortunately it is as bad as we feared" and Tom Crone speaks of a "nightmare scenario". This could be interpreted as a warning of widespread phone hacking at the News of the World. Mr Murdoch's letter to the Committee asserts that the email related specifically to the settlement and "unfortunately it is as bad as we feared" relates to the amount of money needed to settle the case, while Mr
Crone's "nightmare scenario" refers to a potential additional claim by Joanne Armstrong, an associate of Mr Taylor's. There is no conclusive evidence one way or another as to what these phrases meant, or if it would therefore have made any difference had Mr Murdoch read the entire string. There is no suggestion, nor, indeed, evidence that Colin Myler took Mr Murdoch up on his offer to call him that evening to discuss the email string, before the meeting Mr Myler had requested for the 10 June.—(Louise Mensch and Dr Thérèse Coffey)

Question put, That the amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 3  
Dr Thérèse Coffey  
Philip Davies  
Louise Mensch  

Noes, 7  
Damian Collins  
Paul Farrelly  
Steve Rotheram  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Jim Sheridan  
Mr Gerry Sutcliffe  
Mr Tom Watson  

Amendment disagreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, to leave out sentence beginning “There is”.—(Paul Farrelly)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 6  
Paul Farrelly  
Steve Rotheram  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Jim Sheridan  
Mr Gerry Sutcliffe  
Mr Tom Watson  

Noes, 4  
Dr Thérèse Coffey  
Damian Collins  
Philip Davies  
Louise Mensch  

Amendment agreed to.

Paragraph 171 (now paragraph 177), as amended, agreed to.

Paragraphs 172 to 176 (now paragraphs 178 to 182) read and agreed to.

Paragraph 177 (now paragraph 183) read as follows:

The Committee has been told by several witnesses, including Rebekah Brooks, that the documents relating to the settlement between Max Clifford and NGN form part of the Metropolitan police’s investigations. For this reason we simply
publish the facts that have been disclosed to us in evidence and have decided not to probe any further into this case.

Motion made, to leave out paragraph 177 and insert the following new paragraphs:

“Notwithstanding her role in settling Max Clifford’s claim and our 2010 Report, in evidence on 9 July 2011 Rebekah Brooks told us that—like James Murdoch—she only realised in the final days of 2010 that the ‘one rogue reporter’ defence was untrue.

Everyone at News International has great respect for Parliament and for this Committee. Of course, to be criticised by your Report was something that we responded to. We looked at the report. It was only when we had the information in December 2010 that we did something about it.

We subsequently wrote to Rebekah Brooks asking further questions about the Clifford settlement, but she declined to answer on the basis that the circumstances of the case were of interest to the Metropolitan Police. The Management and Standards Committee also cited similar concerns. Following his settlement, Max Clifford also passed evidence in his possession to the police. This has not been volunteered to the Committee and, given the police investigation, the Committee decided not to press Max Clifford further over this.

The settlement with Max Clifford certainly did not draw a line under the affair—far from it. During 2010, eight further claims were issued; and by October 2011, the number had escalated to 65.

A claim by the designer Kelly Hoppen, in March 2010, was the first from a victim not named in the criminal charges. She also alleged that hacking had continued in 2009-10, long after the criminal convictions. As well as NGN and Glenn Mulcaire, she sued Dan Evans, another News of the World journalist (who was suspended in April 2010 and later arrested). The claim was settled in October 2011, after NGN paid £60,000 in damages, plus legal costs.

The case brought by Kelly Hoppen’s step-daughter, the actress Sienna Miller, is—by Rebekah Brooks’ and James Murdoch’s admission—particularly significant. Following a court order forcing the Metropolitan Police to provide unredacted disclosures from Glenn Mulcaire’s notebooks, her letter before action was sent to NGN on 6 September, 2010.

She alleged that three of her phones, and those of friends and her publicist, were hacked from January 2005 to August 2006 as part of an exercise called ‘Project Sienna Miller’. The claim stated that from January 2005, NGN agreed a scheme with Glenn Mulcaire whereby ‘he would, on their behalf, obtain information on individuals relating to the following: ‘Political, Royal, Showbiz/ Entertainment’ and that he would use electronic intelligence and eavesdropping in order to obtain this information. He also agreed to provide daily transcripts.’

The particulars also described Glenn Mulcaire’s alleged modus operandi, in which he would mark the first names of his journalist contacts in the top left hand corner of the pages of his notebooks. From the pages disclosed by the
police, Sienna Miller’s lawyers inferred the involvement of a named, senior News of the World journalist, who was not Clive Goodman. These disclosures were provided by Sienna Miller’s lawyers to NGN in December, 2010.

NGN eventually admitted liability in Sienna Miller’s case in May 2011, agreeing to pay £100,000 damages, plus legal costs. In February, 2011, however—despite the disclosures in December—NGN still served a defence, stating Clive Goodman had a ‘direct and personal and clandestine relationship’ with Glenn Mulcaire and denying its journalists had authorised Glenn Mulcaire to hack into voicemails; that it could be inferred that the other named, senior journalist had been involved; and that the personal stories cited came from ‘independent (and confidential) sources’. NGN also denied that its conduct amounted to harassment and that, in any event, its ‘course of conduct was, in all the circumstances, reasonable’.

We comment further on this defence with respect to News International in the next section.

In January and February 2012, all but five of the first wave of claims were settled under a case management procedure overseen in the High Court by Mr Justice Vos. Admissions made by NGN show that hacking started long before 2005. Glenn Mulcaire had been working with the newspaper from 1998 and by February, 2005 had signed at least five agreements for his services. But the practice appears to have escalated substantially between 2005 and 2006.

At least three of the victims were targeted from 2001-2002: Guy Pelly, a friend of Prince Harry; the singer Charlotte Church; and Claire Ward, the former Member of Parliament for Watford and then a member of this Committee.

Chris Bryant, MP for the Rhondda and another Member of this Committee at the time, was targeted from 2003, and victims in 2004 included Christopher Shipman, son of the serial killer Harold Shipman, whose e-mails were also hacked by Glenn Mulcaire. Victims during the escalation between 2005 and 2006 included Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott, former Olympics minister Tessa Jowell, and rugby and football players Gavin Henson and Ashley Cole.

The final case to be settled so far, that of Charlotte Church and of her family in February 2012, involved the biggest publicly announced settlement—£600,000 in all. Charlotte had been targeted since 2002, when she was just 16, and her parents James and Maria Church, too. The illegal interception—as well as the wider harassment to which it contributed - had lasting and damaging consequences:

‘People working for the News of the World were paid to watch their every move,’ the agreed Statement in Open Court related. ‘Maria in particular is a vulnerable person, with a complex medical history. The News of the World found out about this and published private details of her hospital treatment. At her lowest moment, the News of the World issued her with an ultimatum and coerced her into giving them an in depth interview about herself harming and attempted suicide. She felt she had no choice...and was deeply traumatised by the publication of the story in the News of the World.’
In December 2011, before the settlements, NGN finally admitted that Glenn Mulcaire had helped *News of the World* journalists to hack voicemails themselves; that four employees—other than Clive Goodman—had instructed him to do so ‘on a large but unquantifiable number of occasions’; and that his services were known about by other employees of NGN.

These names are contained in confidential schedules to the civil claims, which Mr Justice Vos has ordered not to be published, so as not to prejudice possible future criminal trials.

For the purposes of assessing aggravated damages in the civil claims, NGN also agreed that the cases could proceed on the basis that unnamed ‘senior employees and directors’ of NGN knew of the wrongdoing and sought to conceal it by knowingly putting out false public statements; deliberately failing to provide the police with all the facts; by deceiving the police over payments to Glenn Mulcaire; and destroying evidence, including e-mails and computers.

In January 2012, in a judgment ordering further disclosures by NGN, Mr Justice Vos commented, indeed, on what he had now seen regarding the alleged destruction of evidence:

‘I have been shown a number of emails which are confidential and therefore I will not read them out, but suffice it to say that they show a rather startling approach to the email record of NGN and they show, because this much has been said in open court, that only three days after the solicitors for Sienna Miller had written their letter before action, asking specifically that NGN should retain any emails concerned with the claim in relation to phone hacking, what happened was that a previously conceived plan to delete emails was put into effect at the behest of senior management,’ the judge stated.

From the civil claims to date, it is clear that phone-hacking at the *News of the World* started as far back as 2001. Given the confidentiality of disclosures in the civil cases and the wishes of Mr Justice Vos not to reveal names before possible criminal proceedings, we only set out certain of the facts which are on the public record, as we have gathered them, in order to bring this Report up to date. The Metropolitan Police are currently investigating and we also do not wish to run the risk of prejudicing any future trials by going beyond what is already publicly available.—(Paul Farrelly)

Question put, That the amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 5

Paul Farrelly

Steve Rotheram

Jim Sheridan

Mr Gerry Sutcliffe

Mr Tom Watson

Noes, 4

Dr Thérèse Coffey

Damian Collins

Philip Davies

Louise Mensch
Amendment agreed to.

Paragraph 178 (now paragraph 201) read and agreed to.

Paragraph 179 (now paragraph 202) read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraph 180 (now paragraph 203) read and agreed to.

Paragraph 181 (now paragraph 204) read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraph 182 (now paragraph 205) read and agreed to.

Paragraph 183 (now paragraph 206) read, as follows:

   It seems to us that there is very little difference between delegation, as described to us by the Murdochs, and senior executives deliberately being kept at one remove from decisions that are taken. The Gordon Taylor settlement was sizeable (approximately £700,000), and the claims made by Gordon Taylor had potentially very serious reputational consequences for the company. However keen senior executives may have been to delegate, it seems extraordinary that they would not have sought greater involvement in the decisions that were made given how much was at stake for the company. Yet we have been told that this is precisely what happened. Rupert Murdoch was apparently completely unaware of the Gordon Taylor settlement. James Murdoch, we have been told, authorised the settlement on the basis of a possible rushed conversation in the corridor or over the phone; a single meeting that lasted between 15 and 30 minutes; and an e-mail exchange that he took no longer than three minutes to peruse.

Amendment proposed, to leave out the first sentence.—(Dr Thérèse Coffey)

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed, to leave out from "However" to end of paragraph and insert:

   “However much senior executives of the parent company were used to delegating to managers in their national territories, it is regrettable that they did not seek greater involvement where reputational matters were concerned. Yet we have been told this is precisely what happened. James Murdoch authorised the Gordon Taylor settlement on the basis of a single meeting that lasted between 15 and 30 minutes, relying completely on the assurances of his editor and the company’s longstanding legal director.”—(Louise Mensch and Dr Thérèse Coffey)

Question put, That the amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 3

Noes, 7

Dr Thérèse Coffey

Philip Davies
Amendment disagreed to.

Another amendment proposed, after "happened" to insert “We were told that the level of financial delegation did not require the payout of that size to be referred to the board of News Corp. This might explain why”.—(Dr Thérèse Coffey)

Question put, That the amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 2
Dr Thérèse Coffey
Louise Mensch

Noes, 7
Damian Collins
Paul Farrelly
Steve Rotheram
Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan
Mr Gerry Sutcliffe
Mr Tom Watson

Amendment disagreed to.

Paragraph 183 (now paragraph 206), as amended, agreed to.

Paragraph 184 (now paragraph 207) read as follows:

We have struggled to understand such executive carelessness and have considered whether it can be explained by deliberate policy of “don’t ask don’t tell” designed to shield senior executives from events taking place beneath them. This hypothesis is given weight by Neville Thurlbeck’s evidence to the Committee, in which he describes being frustrated by trying to bring evidence about phone-hacking to the attention of Rebekah Brooks, by then Editor of News of the World, and allegedly being repeatedly denied access to her by the Managing Editor, Bill Akass. A note made by Solicitor Julian Pike of Farrer & Co of a conversation that he had had with Colin Myler on 27 May 2008 illustrates just how reluctant senior employees at the company may have been to approach James Murdoch. In the note, Colin Myler is reported as saying “James wld say get rid of them—cut out the cancer”. The use of the conditional tense is striking because it shows that the issue at hand—the possible culpability of journalists at the News of the World—had not actually been brought to Murdoch’s attention, perhaps in order to avoid the consequences that might ensue if it had been. In September 2011, we heard from Jonathan Chapman that on the papers at News International “when someone messes up badly and commits a crime, I think there was also a feeling that, yes, they have done a terrible wrong, but their family
should not suffer”, in other words that the cancer should not always be cut out. We considered whether employees at News International went out of their way to try to please the Murdoch family. On 19 July 2011, Rupert Murdoch told us that “I am sure there may be people who tried to please me. That could be human nature, and its up to me to see through that.”

Amendment proposed, to leave out “such executive carelessness” and insert “a lack of openness with senior management”.—(Louise Mensch)

Question put, That the amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

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Amendment agreed to.

Paragraph 184 (now paragraph 207), as amended, agreed to.

Paragraph 185 (now paragraph 208) read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraph 186 (now paragraph 209) read as follows:

In reaching our conclusions, we have asked ourselves why Tom Crone and Colin Myler and other senior News of the World, News Group Newspapers and News International personnel might not have shared all the information that they had about phone-hacking with James Murdoch. Two pieces of evidence suggest a possible reason. In a telephone conversation with Julian Pike, Colin Myler noted that James Murdoch “wld say get rid of them—cut out cancer.” Neville Thurlbeck told us that “it is inconceivable to me that so soon after the Clive Goodman/Glenn Mulcaire case which had rocked the company to its foundations, that he would not have initiated an internal inquiry. He didn’t”. Perhaps Tom Crone and Colin Myler did not want these things to happen and kept quiet for that reason. Perhaps there was a “don’t ask, don’t tell” culture at News International that inhibited them from involving James Murdoch. Whatever the reason, Tom Crone and Colin Myler ought to have acted upon the information they had on phone-hacking and, in failing to do so, they misled this Committee.

Motion made, to leave out paragraph 186 and insert:

The portrayal, furthermore, that we have been given to believe, of Rupert and James Murdoch being at one remove from events at the News of the World, as it was such a small part of the global News Corporation empire, is at odds with other evidence we have received, and which has been subsequently given to the Leveson inquiry.
Rupert Murdoch is certainly not, as part of his evidence would have us believe, a ‘hands-off proprietor’. We have Rebekah Brooks’ testimony for that:

‘Q549. Philip Davies: How many times would you speak to Rupert Murdoch when you were chief executive of News International?

Rebekah Brooks: I would speak to Mr Murdoch and James Murdoch much more regularly since I have become chief executive than I did when I was editor.

Q550. Philip Davies: Once a day? Twice a day?

Rebekah Brooks: James Murdoch and I have offices next to each other, although he has his travel schedule because of his wide responsibilities, and I would talk to Rupert Murdoch quite regularly.

Q551. Philip Davies: Once a day, twice a day—can you give me any other idea?

Rebekah Brooks: On average, every other day, but pretty regularly.’

James Murdoch, too, has testified to the Leveson inquiry about his father’s role which in February 2012 with respect to launching a replacement for the News of the World appears to have extended to bypassing his son entirely, despite his position as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, International, of News Corporation:

‘The decision to launch a Sunday edition of The Sun was made by my father, in conjunction with the management of News International. There had previously been discussions about a Sunday paper, but the timing of the launch, the pricing of the paper and the reinstatement of the journalists were all decisions made by my father and the management of News International.’

Rupert Murdoch’s close involvement with his newspapers is entirely understandable: he built his empire from a single publication in Australia and print and ink, it can be said, are in his blood. James Murdoch, clearly, has a different background. Until he took responsibility for all of News Corporation’s operations in Europe and Asia, which included News International’s print publications, his career had focused on broadcasting and digital media,

Nonetheless, though James Murdoch’s main interests and priorities may have lain elsewhere, before authorising the Gordon Taylor settlement, he was not content to rely solely on advice from Colin Myler and Tom Crone—two experienced newspaper hands—but wanted to wait for independent counsel’s opinion. As we have explored earlier, why then he did not ask to read that opinion is one of the many astonishing things about this whole affair.

As for corporate culture, James Murdoch’s characterisation of the epiphany moment in December, 2010—when they allegedly realised that the ‘one rogue reporter’ defence could not be true and leapt into action—is also at odds with the
company’s behaviour afterwards. Despite contacting the police—and suspending and sacking a senior member of staff—the organisation continued to maintain that no more of its journalists had been involved with Glenn Mulcaire in its defence to Sienna Miller’s claim several weeks later in February, 2011.

Far from having an epiphany at the end of 2010, the truth, we believe, is that by spring 2011, because of the civil actions, the company finally realised that its containment approach had failed, and that a ‘one rogue reporter’ - or even ‘two rogue journalists’—stance no longer had any shred of credibility. Since then, News Corporation’s strategy has been to lay the blame on certain individuals, particularly Colin Myler, Tom Crone and Jonathan Chapman, and lawyers, whilst striving to protect more senior figures, notably James Murdoch. Colin Myler, Tom Crone and Jonathan Chapman should certainly have acted on information they had about phone-hacking and other wrongdoing, but they cannot be allowed to carry the whole of the blame, as News Corporation has clearly intended. Even if there were a ‘don’t ask, don’t tell’ culture at News International, the whole affair demonstrates huge failings of corporate governance at the company and its parent, News Corporation.

Question put, That the amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 6

Paul Farrelly
Steve Rotheram
Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan
Mr Gerry Sutcliffe
Mr Tom Watson

Noes, 4

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Philip Davies
Louise Mensch

Amendment agreed to.

New paragraphs—(Mr Tom Watson)—brought up and read, as follows:

The history of the News of the World at hearings of the Committee is a long one, characterised by “collective amnesia” and a reluctance fully and fairly to provide the Committee with the information it sought. News International has repeatedly stone-walled, obfuscated and misled and only come clean, reluctantly, when no other course of action was sensible and when its wider commercial interests were threatened. In Rupert Murdoch’s own words to the Leveson inquiry, News Corporation in the UK mounted a cover-up.

In any company, the corporate culture comes from the top. In the case of the News of the World this is ultimately the American parent company of News International, News Corporation and its chairman and chief executive, Rupert Murdoch. Rupert Murdoch has repeatedly claimed that News Corporation has a zero tolerance approach towards wrongdoing. He stated this, indeed, long before he gave evidence to the committee, when he gave the inaugural Thatcher Lecture in London on 21 October 2010: “we will not tolerate wrongdoing,’ he told his
audience. He also made similar statements at the annual general meeting of News Corporation in Los Angeles in October 2011 when, in relation to phone-hacking, he said there was ‘no excuse for such unethical behaviour’ at the company and that staff had to be ‘beacons for good, professional and ethical behaviour’.

On 8 April 2011, News International finally issued a statement admitting that phone-hacking had indeed occurred in a number of cases and was not restricted to the News of the World’s former royal reporter, Clive Goodman. It offered certain civil litigants an unreserved apology and a compensation scheme. At this point, the ‘single rogue reporter’ defence was clearly dead. That defence had become very questionable long before, but now that News International had finally acknowledged that hacking had been widespread, it was clearly no longer tenable.

In his testimony to us and also the Leveson inquiry, Rupert Murdoch has demonstrated excellent powers of recall and grasp of detail, when it has suited him. Had he been entirely open with shareholders on 21 October 2010 - and with this Committee on 19 July 2011 - he would have learned for the first time on some date between 21 October 2010 and 8 April 2011 that he had been misled by senior employees of his company.

Such a revelation, had it happened, would have been a shock. He was the chairman and chief executive officer of a major international company. He had repeatedly given clear and categorical assurances to the general public, and to his shareholders, that phone-hacking and other wrongdoing were not widespread and would not be tolerated at News International. These assurances had now turned out to be false. This is not a situation a chief executive would or could tolerate, still less simply ignore. Action would have been taken.

Yet, when asked by the Committee if he “knew for sure in January [2011] that the ‘one rogue reporter’ line was false’, he replied: ‘I forget the date.’ [Q200]. This is barely credible. Had he really learned for the first time at some point in the six months following his Thatcher Lecture that he had been deceived, and so that he in turn had deceived the public and his shareholders, that moment would have been lodged forever in his memory. It would have been an unforgettable piece of information.

On the other hand, had he suspected all along that phone-hacking and other wrongdoing was endemic at the News of the World—that the means justified the ends in beating the competition and getting the story—and that elaborate, expensive steps were being taken to conceal it, it is entirely understandable that the precise moment between 21 October 2010 and 8 April 2011, when he recognised the game was up, might have slipped his memory. And all the more so, had he already realised the truth long before those dates.

In such circumstances, even if he took no part in discussions about what to reveal and when, there would probably not have been a clear moment of revelation. There would have been a gradual erosion of the ‘one rogue reporter’ fiction to the point where a collective decision to abandon it would have been taken. In those circumstances, it would be entirely understandable that he should forget the date,
if indeed there was a single date on which the decision was taken, rather than an
unfolding contingency plan involving gradual admissions.

The notion that—given all that had gone on, right back to evidence given over
payments to the police to our predecessor Committee in 2003—a hands-on
proprietor like Rupert Murdoch had no inkling that wrongdoing and
questionable practice was not widespread at the *News of the World* is simply not
credible. Given his evidently fearsome reputation, the reluctance of News
International employees to be open and honest internally and in their evidence to
the Committee is readily understandable. In assessing their evidence, the culture
emanating from the top must be taken into account, and is likely to have had a
profound effect on their approach in 2007 and 2009 in evidence given to the
Committee.

A further example of this culture and Rupert Murdoch and his management’s
failure to focus on serious wrongdoing within the organisation was his response
to the Committee’s questions about attempts by Neville Thurlbeck, then chief
reporter of the *News of the World*, to blackmail two of the women involved in the
newspaper’s controversial exposure of Max Mosley’s private life. His reply that
this was the first he had heard of this claim and that no one in the UK company
had brought the allegation to his attention—if this was indeed the case—indicates
a seriously wrong state of affairs in his company. Furthermore, it appears that
having had the matter brought to his attention during questioning by our
committee, he had still not read the Eady judgement by the time he gave evidence
to the Leveson inquiry on 26th April 2012.

When asked if he agreed with the judge in that case that this “discloses a
remarkable state of affairs at News International”, Rupert Murdoch replied “no”.
He appeared to see nothing unusual in News International failing to investigate
or take action when a senior employee was cited by a High Court judge as
resorting to blackmail in the course of his employment. This wilful turning of a
blind eye would also explain Rupert Murdoch’s failure to respond (or to have
another executive respond) to a letter sent to him in New York by Max Mosley
on 10 March 2011, inviting him to order an investigation at News International
into the blackmail allegation.

Another example of Rupert Murdoch’s toleration of alleged wrongdoing is his
reinstatement, on 17 February 2012, of journalists who had been arrested. This is
in contrast to most organisations this Committee can think of, which would have
suspended such employees until the police had confirmed that no charges were
being brought.

Rupert Murdoch told this Committee that his alleged lack of oversight of News
International and the *News of the World* was due to it being “less than 1% of our
company”. This self-portrayal, however, as a hands-off proprietor is entirely at
odds with numerous other accounts, including those of previous editors and
from Rebekah Brooks, who told us she spoke to Rupert Murdoch regularly and
‘on average, every other day’. It was, indeed, we consider, a misleading account of
his involvement and influence with his newspapers.
On the basis of the facts and evidence before the Committee, we conclude that, if at all relevant times Rupert Murdoch did not take steps to become fully informed about phone-hacking, he turned a blind eye and exhibited wilful blindness to what was going on in his companies and publications. This culture, we consider, permeated from the top throughout the organisation and speaks volumes about the lack of effective corporate governance at News Corporation and News International. We conclude, therefore, that Rupert Murdoch is not a fit person to exercise the stewardship of a major international company.

Question put, That the paragraphs be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 6

Paul Farrelly
Steve Rotheram
Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan
Mr Gerry Sutcliffe
Mr Tom Watson

Noes, 4

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Philip Davies
Louise Mensch

Paragraphs inserted (now paragraphs 216 to 229).

Paragraphs 187 to 221 (now paragraphs 230 to 264) read and agreed to.

Paragraph 222 (now paragraph 265) read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraphs 223 to 231 (now paragraphs 266 to 274) read and agreed to.

Paragraph 232 read as follows:

On the veracity of the evidence the Committee has received, we are able to draw conclusions about some of the witnesses:

- Les Hinton misled the Committee in 2009 in not telling the full truth about payments to Clive Goodman and in the extent of his knowledge of allegations of widespread phone-hacking.

- Tom Crone misled the Committee in 2009 in giving a counter-impression of the significance of confidentiality in the Gordon Taylor settlement.

- Tom Crone and Colin Myler misled the Committee in 2009 by answering questions falsely about their knowledge of evidence that other News of the World employees had been involved in phone-hacking.

Motion made, to leave out paragraph 232 and insert:
As to the veracity of the evidence the Committee has received, we are able to
draw the following conclusions about certain of the witnesses, and about News
International corporately:

- Les Hinton misled the Committee in 2009 in not telling the truth about
  payments to Clive Goodman and his role in authorising them, including
  the payment of his legal fee. He also misled the Committee about the
  extent of his knowledge of allegations that phone-hacking extended
  beyond Clive Goodman and Glenn Mulcaire to others at the News of the
  World.

- Tom Crone misled the Committee in 2009 by giving a counter-
  impression of the significance of confidentiality in the Gordon Taylor
  settlement and sought to mislead the Committee about the
  commissioning of surveillance.

- Tom Crone and Colin Myler misled the Committee by answering
  questions falsely about their knowledge of evidence that other News of the
  World employees had been involved in phone-hacking and other
  wrongdoing.

- Corporately, the News of the World and News International misled the
  Committee about the true nature and extent of the internal investigations
  they professed to have carried out in relation to phone hacking; by
  making statements they would have known were not fully truthful; and
  by failing to disclose documents which would have helped expose the
  truth. Their instinct throughout, until it was too late, was to cover up
  rather than seek out wrongdoing and discipline the perpetrators, as they
  also professed they would do after the criminal convictions. In failing to
  investigate properly, and by ignoring evidence of widespread
  wrongdoing, News International and its parent News Corporation
  exhibited wilful blindness, for which the companies’ directors—including
  Rupert Murdoch and James Murdoch—should ultimately be prepared to
  take responsibility.

The effect of these actions and omissions is that the Committee’s Report to the
House in February 2010 on Press standards, privacy and libel was not based on
fully accurate evidence. False evidence, indeed, prevented the Committee from
exposing the true extent of phone-hacking.—(Paul Farrelly)

Question put, That the amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 7

- Damian Collins
- Paul Farrelly
- Steve Rotheram
- Mr Adrian Sanders
- Jim Sheridan

Noes, 3

- Dr Thérèse Coffey
- Philip Davies
- Louise Mensch
Paragraph 233 (now paragraph 276) read, amended and agreed to.

A paragraph (now paragraph 277) inserted.

Another paragraph (now paragraph 278) inserted.

Another paragraph (now paragraph 279) inserted.

Paragraph 234 (now paragraph 280) read and agreed to.

Annex 1 amended and agreed to.

Annex 2 amended and agreed to.

Resolved, That the title of the Report be changed as follows, News International and Phone-hacking.—(The Chair)

Motion made, and Question put, That the Report, as amended, be the Eleventh Report of the Committee to the House.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 6

Paul Farrelly
Steve Rotheram
Mr Adrian Sanders
Jim Sheridan
Mr Gerry Sutcliffe
Mr Tom Watson

Noes, 4

Dr Thérèse Coffey
Damian Collins
Philip Davies
Louise Mensch

Resolved, That the Report, as amended, be the Eleventh Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That embargoed copies of the Report be made available, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 134.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 May at 10.15 am]
APPENDIX 1

Declaration of interests
(Declarations made on 13 July 2010)

Ms Louise Bagshawe

Registrable interests
Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Payments received via literary agent (The Peter Fraser and Dunlop Group Limited, Drury House, 34-43 Russell St, London WC2B 5HA):

Received £465.05. Address of payer: Apgads Kontinents, Elijah Street 17, Riga, LV-1050, Latvia. Hours: none (sale of completed work). (Registered 4 June 2010);
Received £494.28. Address of payer: Lindhardt and Ringhof, Vognmagergade 11, DK-1148, København K, Denmark. Hours: none (sale of completed work). (Registered 2 July 2010);
Received £558.69. Address of payer: Hermes, 59 Bogomil Street, Plovdiv 4000, Bulgaria. Hours: none (sale of completed work). (Registered 2 July 2010);
Received £41,367.19. Address of payer: Headline Publishing Group, 338 Euston Road, London NW1 3BH. Hours: none (sale of completed work). (Registered 2 July 2010)

Sponsorships: Donations to the constituency party or association, which have been or will be reported to the Electoral Commission:

Name of donor: Mrs Linda Ross, Address of donor: private, Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000, Donor status: individual (Registered 4 June 2010);
Name of donor: Dodson and Horrell Ltd, Address of donor: Kettering Road, Islip, Kettering, Northamptonshire NN14 3JW, Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000, Donor status: company, (Registered 4 June 2010);
Name of donor: Mr Mark Hindmarch, Address of donor: private, Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000, Donor status: individual, (Registered 4 June 2010);
Name of donor: Mr David Ross, Address of donor: private, Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000, Donor status: individual, (Registered 4 June 2010);
Name of donor: Whitworth Holdings Ltd, Address of donor: Victoria Mills, London Road, Wellingborough, Northants, NN8 2DT, Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000, Donor status: company, (Registered 4 June 2010)

Relevant interests
Member, Writers Guild of Great Britain, Member, Writers Guild of America, Member, Romantic Novelists’ Association, regular paid and unpaid broadcasting and media work.
David Cairns

Registrable interests

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Payment of £150 by GovNet Communications, St James Building, Oxford Street, Manchester M1 6PP for talk given as part of their Understanding Government Seminar series. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 22 March 2010)


I employ my cousin, Angela Moore, as Caseworker.

Relevant interests

Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Scottish Broadcasting. Member of Community the Union. Currently undertaking an Industry and Parliament Trust Fellowship with ITV, Channel 4 and BBC.

Dr Thérèse Coffey

Registrable interests

Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Monthly MP Survey for Com Res; Communicate Research Ltd, Coveham House, Downside Bridge Road, Cobham, Surrey KT11 3EP. £75 for 1 hour. Sent directly to charity (Registered 30 June 2010) MP Survey for Ipsos Mori UK Ltd; Kings House, Kymberley Road, Harrow, HA1 1PT. £150 for 90 minutes. Cheque payable to charity to be sent via my office. (Registered 30 June 2010)

Land and Property: Flat in Hampshire (to be sold). House in Hampshire (co-owned with mother).

I employ my sister, Clare Coffey, as a Senior Secretary on a 3-month fixed term contract from 24 May to 23 August 2010.

Relevant interests

Employed by the BBC from September 2009 to March 2010. Due to an administrative error, payment to me continued after my resignation and I am currently repaying that sum to the BBC.
**Damian Collins**

*Registrable interests*

**Land and Property:** Flat in London, from which rental income is received.

*Relevant interests*

Chair Conservative Arts and Creative Industries Network (unpaid), Chair “Step Short” First World War heritage project (unpaid).

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**Philip Davies**

*Registrable interests*

**Remunerated employment, office, profession etc:** BPRI, 24-28 Bloomsbury Way, London, WC1A 2PX:

- Received £75 for taking part in a survey. Hours: 30 mins. *(Registered 14 January 2010)*
- Received £75 for taking part in a political opinion panel. Hours: 30 mins. *(Registered 3 April 2010)*
  - Address: Populus Ltd, Northburgh House, 10 Northburgh Street, London EC1V 0AT. Took part in a survey by Populus and they donated £50 to charity. Hours: 20 mins. *(Registered 15 January 2010)*
  - Received two cheques of £50 each for two surveys. Hours: 1 hr. Fees donated to charity. *(Registered 2 June 2010)*
  - Completed a survey for Ipsos MORI. Address: 79-81 Borough Road, London SE1 1FY. Fee of £150 donated to charity. Hours: 1 hr 15 mins. *(Registered 16 February 2010)*
  - Surveys completed for ComRes, Four Millbank, London SW1P 3JA. Received payment of £75 for a Parliamentary Panel Survey. Hours: 25 mins. *(Registered 23 March 2010)*
  - Received payment of £150 for two surveys. Hours: 1 hr. *(Registered 11 May 2010)*
  - Received payment of £60 for a research project regarding McCain Foods. Hours: 30 mins. *(Registered 11 May 2010)*
  - Received payment of £75 for a Parliamentary Panel survey. Hours: 1 hr. *(Registered 6 July 2010)*

**Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK):** Name of donor: Grand Central Railway Company Ltd, Address of donor: 21 Foyle Street, Sunderland, SR1 1LE. Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000-£5,000 per year. Date of receipt of donation: 24 May 2010, Date of acceptance of donation: 1 June 2010, Donor status: company, registration number 03979826, *(Registered 22 June 2010)*

I employ my wife, Deborah Davies, as Senior Secretary.

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**Alan Keen**

*Registrable interests*

**Sponsorships:** Donations to the constituency party or association, which have been or will be reported by the party to the Electoral Commission:

Name of donor: Musicians’ Union, Address of donor: 60-62 Clapham Road, London SW9 0JF. Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000. Donor status: trade union *(Registered 22 June 2010)*
I employ my son, David Keen, as Office Manager and Senior Caseworker.

**Relevant interests**
Member of the GMB Union.

**Adrian Sanders**

**Registrable interests**
**Remunerated employment, office, profession etc:** Received payment of £75 for completing an opinion poll. Address: ComRes, 4 Millbank, London. Hours: 20 mins. Fee donated to charity. (*Registered 30 June 2010*)

**Land and Property:** Residential property in Paignton, from which rental income is derived.

I employ my wife, Alison Sanders, as Office Manager.

**Relevant interests**
Host of a regular show on Riviera FM community radio (unpaid).

**Jim Sheridan**

**Registrable interests**
**Sponsorships:** Donations to the constituency party or association, which have been or will be reported by the party to the Electoral Commission:

Name of donor: Unite, Address of donor: 290 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4LD. Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000. Donor status: trade union (*Registered 8 June 2010*)

I employ my daughter, Joanne Sheridan, as Parliamentary Assistant/ Caseworker/ Administrator.

**Relevant interests**
Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Scottish Football Group (unpaid), member Unite.

**Mr Tom Watson**

**Registrable interests**
**Remunerated employment, office, profession etc:** Regular column in PA News. Address: Public Affairs News, Westminster Tower, 3 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SP. (*Up to £5,000*) Received £200 for July 2009. Hours: 2 hrs. (*Registered 11 November 2009*) Received £200 for September 2009. Hours: 2 hrs. (*Registered 11 November 2009*) Received £200 for November 2009. Hours: 2 hrs. (*Registered 11 November 2009*) Received £85 for a comment article in the Guardian. Address:
Guardian News and Media Ltd, 1 Scott Place, Manchester M3 3GG. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 16 June 2010)

I employ my wife, Siobhan Watson, as part-time Senior Secretary.

**Relevant interests**
Co-Chair of the All-Party Electronic Games Group (unpaid), Vice Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary BBC Group (unpaid). Member of Unite the Union, Member of the Advisory Committee of the Open Rights Group (unpaid), occasional journalism (paid and unpaid).

**Mr John Whittingdale**

**Registrable interests**

**Remunerated directorships:** Audio Network plc (non-executive); an online music catalogue. Address: School Farm Studios, Little Maplestead, Halstead, Essex CO9 2SN. As a non-executive director I review monthly board papers and attend quarterly board meetings as well as occasional ad hoc meetings with the managers of the company. This consists of an estimated 8 hours work over the quarter. 25 September 2009, quarterly payment of £2,000 gross to me in my capacity as non-executive director. Hours: 8 hours. (Registered 20 October 2009) 18 December 2009, quarterly payment of £2,000 gross to me in my capacity as non-executive director. Hours: 8 hours. (Registered 28 January 2010) 29 March 2010, quarterly payment of £2,000 gross to me in my capacity as non-executive director. Hours: 8 hrs. (Registered 1 April 2010) 29 June 2010, quarterly payment of £2,000 gross to me in my capacity as non-executive director. Hours: 8 hrs. (Registered 3 July 2010)

**Remunerated employment, office, profession etc:** Payments from ComRes, Four Millbank, London SW1P 3JA, for participation in surveys: 17 August 2009, payment of £75 for participation in the June MP Panel survey. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 20 October 2009) 5 January 2010, payment of £75 for participation in MP Panel survey. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 28 January 2010) 15 March 2010, payment of £75 for participation in parliamentary panel survey. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 1 April 2010) 24 June 2010, payment of £75 for participation in parliamentary panel survey. Hours: 45 mins. (Registered 3 July 2010) 18 September 2009, payment of £150 from Ipsos MORI, 79-81 Borough Road, London SE1 1FY, for participating in an opinion research interview. Hours: 2 hours. (Registered 20 October 2009)

**Relevant interests**
Regular contributor to Saint FM community radio (unpaid), Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Writers Group (unpaid), Chair of the All-Party Intellectual Property Group (unpaid), Co-Chair of the All-Party Electronic Games Group (unpaid).