



House of Commons

Digital, Culture, Media & Sport
Committee

Formal Minutes

Session 2019

The Digital, Culture, Media & Sport Committee

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

Current membership

Damian Collins MP (Conservative, Folkestone and Hythe) (Chair)
Philip Davies MP (Conservative, Shipley)
Clive Efford MP (Labour, Eltham)
Julie Elliott MP (Labour, Sunderland Central)
Paul Farrelly MP (Labour, Newcastle-under-Lyme)
Simon Hart MP (Conservative, Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire)
Julian Knight MP (Conservative, Solihull)
Ian C. Lucas MP (Labour, Wrexham)
Brendan O'Hara MP (SNP, Argyll and Bute)
Jo Stevens MP (Labour, Cardiff Central)
Giles Watling MP (Conservative, Clacton)

The following members were also a member of the committee during the parliament:

Chris Matheson MP (Labour, City of Chester)
Rebecca Pow MP (Conservative, Taunton Deane)

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.

Publication

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/dcmscom.

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee are Chloe Challender (Clerk), Mems Ayinla (Second Clerk), Mubeen Bhutta (Second Clerk), Conor Durham (Committee Specialist), Lois Jeary (Committee Specialist), Andy Boyd (Senior Committee Assistant), Keely Bishop (Committee Assistant), and Anne Peacock (Select Committee Media Officers).

Contacts

All correspondence should be addressed to the Clerk of the Digital, Culture, Media & Sport Committee, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. The telephone number for general enquiries is 020 7219 6188; **the Committee's email address is cmscom@parliament.uk.**

Proceedings of the Digital, Culture, Media & Sport Committee

Wednesday 16 October 2019

Damian Collins, in the Chair

Philip Davies
Clive Efford
Julie Elliott
Paul Farrelly

Julian Knight
Brendan O'Hara
Jo Stevens

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the Committee visit Bury, Greater Manchester.

2. Administration of football clubs

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Administration of football clubs* be reported to the House for publication:

BFC001	Dan Chapman
BFC004	Martin Parnell
BFC006	Sky Blue Trust
BFC007	Neil Coupe
BFC008	Forever Bury
BFC009	Joe McCartney
BFC010	Mark Jackson
BFC011	Anonymous
BFC012	The Football Association
BFC013	Brian Rigby
BFC014	Bolton Wanderers Supporters Society Ltd (BWFCST)
BFC015	Matthew Dunham
BFC017	Nicholas Igoe
BFC018	Premier League
BFC020	Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

3. The work of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *The work of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport* be reported to the House for publication: Letter from Nicky Morgan MP, re Hacker House, 15 October 2019.

Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 21 October 2019 at 2.00 p.m.]

Monday 21 October 2019

Damian Collins, in the Chair

Philip Davies
Clive Efford
Julie Elliott

Ian C Lucas
Jo Stevens

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Disinformation

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *Disinformation* be reported to the House for publication: Letter from the Chair to Sir Nick Clegg, Facebook, re encryption, 21 October 2019.

Ordered, That the Electoral Commission provide the following documents to the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee in relation to the ongoing work of its Sub-Committee on Disinformation, by 2pm on 23rd October 2019:

Unredacted copies of two documents relating to the Electoral Commission's investigation into Vote Leave and others, concluded in July 2018, specifically:

- Electoral Commission notice issued under Schedule 19B of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, to Vote Leave, and its response;
- Electoral Commission notice issued under Schedule 19B of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, to Mr Dominic Cummings, and his response.

3. Reality tv

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *Reality tv* be reported to the House for publication: Part of a letter from the Chair to Julian Bellamy, Managing Director, ITV Studios, re follow-up evidence, 18 October 2019¹.

4. The future of English cricket

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The future of English cricket* be reported to the House for publication:

CRI001	Dr Katy Scott
CRI002	Oppose the Hundred
CRI003	Platform Cricket
CRI004	BBC
CRI005	Christopher O'Brien
CRI006	George Dobell
CRI007	Sky
CRI008	Cricket Supporters' Association

¹ Ordered to be published Thursday 17 October 2019.

CRI009	Rocket Sports Internet Ltd
CRI010	Chance to Shine
CRI011	England and Wales Cricket Board
CRI012	Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

5. Administration of football clubs

The Committee considered this matter.

Malcolm Clarke, Chair, and Tom Greatrex, Vice-Chair, Football Supporters' Association, Barry Roth, former Director, and Matthew Dunham, Insolvency Advisor, Forever Bury, gave oral evidence.

Greg Clarke, Chairman, The Football Association, Debbie Jevans CBE, Executive Chair, English Football League, and Richard Masters, Interim Chief Executive, Premier League, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 23 October 2019 at 2.00 p.m.]

Wednesday 23 October 2019

Damian Collins, in the Chair

Clive Efford
Julian Knight
Ian C Lucas

Jo Stevens
Giles Watling

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Disinformation

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The future of English cricket

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The future of English cricket* be reported to the House for publication:

CRI014 Jamie Dowling

Colin Graves, Chairman, Tom Harrison, Chief Executive Officer, Clare Connor, Managing Director, Women's Cricket, and Lord Patel of Bradford OBE, Senior Independent Non-Executive Director, England and Wales Cricket Board, gave oral evidence.

Laura Cordingley, Chief Executive, Chance to Shine, Becky Fairlie-Clarke, Co-founder, Cricket Supporter's Association, Andy Nash, former chairman of Somerset County Cricket Club, and Chris Willetts, co-founder, Platform Cricket, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 29 October 2019 at 10.00 a.m.]

Tuesday 29 October 2019

Damian Collins, in the Chair

Philip Davies
Clive Efford
Julie Elliott
Paul Farrelly

Ian C Lucas
Brendan O'Hara
Jo Stevens
Giles Watling

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Administration of football clubs

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Disinformation

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Reality tv

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 4 November 2019 at 1.00 p.m.]

Monday 4 November 2019

Damian Collins, in the Chair

Clive Efford
Ian C Lucas

Jo Stevens
Giles Watling

1. Administration of football clubs

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following correspondence and written evidence relating to *Administration of football clubs* be reported to the House for publication: Letter from the Chair to the English Football League, 4 November 2019.

BFC022	The Football Association supplementary ²
BFC023	Ben Miles ²
BFC024	Thomas Blackburn ²
BFC025	Football Supporters' Association supplementary ²
BFC026	English Football League supplementary
BFC027	Andrea Allcock

2. The future of English cricket

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The future of English cricket* be reported to the House for publication:

CRI015	Stephen Hope
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3. The work of the Department

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *The work of the Department* be reported to the House for publication: Letter from Bill Ronald, Chairman, The Challenge, re National Citizen Service, 25 October 2019; Letter from Nicky Morgan MP, re evidence follow-up, 31 October 2019; and Letter from Nicky Morgan MP, re Hacker House report, 31 October 2019.

4. Disinformation

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *Disinformation* be reported to the House for publication: Letter from Kevin Foster MP, Minister for the Constitution, re Dominic Cummings, 25 October 2019; Letter from Rebecca Stimson, Facebook, re response to 22 October letter, 29 October 2019; and Letter from the Chair to Sir Nick Clegg, Facebook, re political advertising, 31 October 2019³.

5. Reality tv

² Ordered to be published Thursday 31 October 2019.

³ All Ordered to be published Thursday 31 October 2019.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Reality tv* be reported to the House for publication: Joint submission by Specialist Advisers⁴.

RTV061 The Choir with No Name³

[The Committee adjourned.

Pursuant to the Committee's Resolution of 12 Sept 2017, the Chair reported the following written evidence to the House for publication on the internet on Tuesday 5 November 2019:

The future of English cricket

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The future of English cricket* be reported to the House for publication:

CRI016 England and Wales Cricket Board supplementary

The work of the Department

Ordered, That the following correspondence relating to *The work of the Department* be reported to the House for publication: Letter to Kevin Foster MP, Minister for the Constitution, re Dominic Cummings, 5 November 2019.

⁴ Ordered to be published Thursday 31 October 2019.

Sub-Committee on Disinformation

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The Sub-Committee on Disinformation

The work of the Sub-Committee builds on the DCMS Committee's inquiry into disinformation between 2017 and 2019. The Sub-Committee will take forward the work begun under the inquiry, including individuals' rights over their data, the effect of disinformation on political activity, the regulation of big tech and online harms.

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SUB-COMMITTEE ON DISINFORMATION

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Monday 4 November 2019

Damian Collins, in the Chair

Clive Efford
Ian C Lucas

Jo Stevens
Giles Watling

1. Disinformation

The Sub-Committee considered this matter.

Eva Gustavsson, Director, EMEA Government Relations, and Richard Nash, Vice President and Head of Global Government Relations, PayPal, gave oral evidence.

[The Sub-Committee adjourned.]