



House of Commons
Culture, Media and Sport
Committee

Formal Minutes

Session 2008–09

Tuesday 9 December 2008

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson
Philip Davies
Mr Nigel Evans
Paul Farrelly

Rosemary McKenna
Adam Price
Mr Adrian Sanders
Helen Southworth

1. The Licensing Act 2003

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Licensing Act 2003* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- LI 60 The Event Services Association
- LI 61 Association of Chief Police Officers
- LI 62 Hamish Birchall, Dr Susan Mallett and Alison Macfarlane
- LI 64 Association of Circus Proprietors of Great Britain
- LI 65 Peter Stringfellow
- LI 66 Philip Doyle
- LI 67 Roger Gall
- LI 68 UK Music
- LI 69 Judith Bramley
- LI 70 Dr Peter Cripps JP, Secretary, Glosfolk
- LI 71 British Naturism
- LI 72 A R Cook

2. BBC Commercial Operations

The Committee considered this matter.

3. London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games

Lord Coe, Chairman, Paul Deighton, Chief Executive, London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, John Armit, Chairman, and David Higgins, Chief Executive, Olympic Delivery Authority, gave oral evidence.

Charles Allen, Chairman, Jonathan Edwards, Deputy Chairman, Nations and Regions Group, and Andy Worthington, Chairman, North West Steering Group for the 2012 Games, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon Tessa Jowell MP, Minister for the Olympics, Cabinet Office, and Gerry Sutcliffe MP, Minister for Sport, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 December at 2.20 pm.]

Wednesday 10 December 2008

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson

Philip Davies

Mr Nigel Evans

Paul Farrelly

Mr Mike Hall

Rosemary McKenna

Mr Adrian Sanders

Helen Southworth

1. Committee working methods

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Commercial Operations of the BBC

Lord Carter of Barnes CBE, Minister for Communications, Technology and Broadcasting, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 January at 10.15 am.]

Tuesday 16 December

The Chairman, Janet Anderson, Mr Nigel Evans and Rosemary McKenna visited the BRIT school in Croydon, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 15 July 2008.

Tuesday 13 January 2009

[The Committee met concurrently with the Business and Enterprise Committee]

Members present:

Janet Anderson	Mr Adrian Sanders
Philip Davies	Helen Southworth
Mr Nigel Evans	Mr John Whittingdale
Adam Price	

The following members of the Business and Enterprise Committee were also present, in accordance with Standing Order No. 137A:

Mr Adrian Bailey	Mr Peter Luff
Mr Brian Binley	Mr Mike Weir
Mr Lindsay Hoyle	

Mr Peter Luff was called to the Chair, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No.137A (1).

1. Pre-appointment hearing with the Chairman-elect of Ofcom, Dr Colette Bowe
Dr Colette Bowe, Chairman-elect, Ofcom, gave oral evidence.

Mr John Whittingdale was called to the Chair, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No.137A (1).

2. Pre-appointment hearing with the Chairman-elect of Ofcom, Dr Colette Bowe
Dr Colette Bowe, Chairman-elect, Ofcom, gave oral evidence.

Draft Report [*Pre-appointment hearing with the Chairman-elect of Ofcom, Dr Colette Bowe*], 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 119.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 January at 10.15 am]

Tuesday 20 January 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson

Philip Davies

Mr Nigel Evans

Paul Farrelly

Mr Mike Hall

Alan Keen

Rosemary McKenna

Mr Adrian Sanders

Helen Southworth

1. Oxford Media Convention 2009

Resolved, That the Chairman have leave to attend and speak at the Oxford Media Convention 2009 in a representative capacity.

2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Press standards, privacy and libel

Resolved, That the Committee visit Washington DC, Albany and New York in March in connection with its inquiry into Press standards, privacy and libel, and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Press Complaints Commission in connection with its inquiry into Press standards, privacy and libel.

4. The work of the Committee in session 2007–08

Draft Report [*The work of the Committee in session 2007–08*], 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 188.

5. 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 Third Report of the Committee, HC 189.

6 . BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2007–08

Draft Report [*BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2007–08*], 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 190.

7. London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 27 January at 10.15 am.]

Thursday 22 January

John Whittingdale attended the Oxford Media Convention in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 20 January.

Tuesday 27 January 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson
Philip Davies
Mr Mike Hall
Alan Keen

Rosemary McKenna
Mr Adrian Sanders
Helen Southworth

1. Specialist adviser interests

The interests of the following specialist advisers were disclosed: Mr Brian Cathcart, Mr Ray Gallagher, Ms Sara John, Mr Bob Kindred and Mr Martin Le Jeune. [For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix to these Formal Minutes]

2. Future programme

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

3. The Licensing Act 2003

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Licensing Act 2003* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

LI 74 Lap Dancing Association
LI 76 Rt Hon Tessa Jowell MP
LI 77 Hamish Birchall

4. BBC Commercial Operations

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

BBC 32 Fremantle Media
BBC 33 Kent Messenger Group

BBC 34 Fremantle Media
BBC 35 RadioCentre
BBC 36 Seven Publishing Ltd
BBC 37 BBC written submission

5. Press standards, privacy and libel

Ordered, That the National Union of Journalists be authorised to publish their written evidence on *Press standards, privacy and libel*, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No.135.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 February at 10.15 am.

Wednesday 4 to Friday 6 February

The Chairman, Janet Anderson, Mr Nigel Evans, Paul Farrelly, Mr Mike Hall, Alan Keen, Rosemary McKenna, Adam Price, Mr Adrian Sanders and Helen Southworth visited Barcelona, in connection with the Committee's inquiries into London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games and Press standards, privacy and libel, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 28 October.

Tuesday 24 February 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson
Philip Davies
Mr Nigel Evans
Paul Farrelly

Alan Keen
Rosemary McKenna
Mr Adrian Sanders
Helen Southworth

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit the National Gallery, London, to discuss future plans for the gallery.

2. Press standards, privacy and libel

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Press standards, privacy and libel* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PS 1 POW Trust
PS 2 Jonathan Steinberg
PS 3 Foot Anstey Solicitors
PS 5 Professor Julian Petley
PS 6 Peter Burden
PS 7 BOND
PS 8 Nick Armstrong, partner of Charles Russell LP Solicitors
PS 9 Press Association

- PS 10 Express Newspapers
- PS 11 NUJ
- PS 12 Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project and Center for Investigative Reporting in Bosnia
- PS 13 Global Witness
- PS 14 +14A and 14B Press Standards Board of Finance Ltd (PressBoF), Newspaper Publishers Association, Newspaper Society, Periodical Publishers Association, Scottish Daily Newspaper Society, Scottish Newspaper Publishers Association
- PS 15 Russell, Jones & Walker, Solicitors
- PS 16 Schillings
- PS 17 +17A & 17B News International Ltd
- PS 18 Press Complaints Commission
- PS 19 Mark Thomson
- PS 20 Society of Editors
- PS 21 English PEN and Index on Censorship
- PS 23 Article 19
- PS 24 + 24A Loreena McKennitt
- PS 25 DCMS
- PS 26 Trinity Mirror Plc
- PS 27+ 27A Guardian News and Media
- PS 28 Media Lawyers Association
- PS 29 Which?
- PS 32 Farrer and Co.
- PS 33 Professor Adrian Zuckerman
- PS 35 Media Standards Trust
- PS 36 Swan Turton
- PS 37 Papyrus – National Charity for the Prevention of Young Suicide
- PS 38 Anthony Bennett

Ordered, That Global Witness and Anthony Bennett be authorised to publish their written evidence on *Press standards, privacy and libel*, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No.135.

Nick Armstrong, Charles Russell LLP, Tony Jaffa, Foot Anstey solicitors, Keith Mathieson, Reynolds Porter Chamberlain LLP, and Marcus Partington, Chair, Media Lawyers Association, gave oral evidence.

Mark Thomson, Carter-Ruck Solicitors, Jeremy Clarke Williams, Russell Jones & Walker Solicitors, Jonathan Coad, Swan Turton Solicitors and Rod Christie-Miller, Schillings Lawyers, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 2 March at 4.00 pm.]

Monday 2 March 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies

Mr Nigel Evans

Paul Farrelly

Alan Keen

Rosemary McKenna

Mr Adrian Sanders

1. BBC Commercial Operations

The Committee considered this matter.

2. London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 March at 10.15 am.]

Tuesday 3 March

The Chairman and Mr Mike Hall visited the Olympic Park, East London, in connection with its inquiry into London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 27 January.

Wednesday 4 March

The Chairman, Janet Anderson, Paul Farrelly and Adam Price visited the Press Complaints Commission, in connection with its inquiry into Press standards, privacy and libel, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 20 January.

Tuesday 10 March 2009

Morning sitting

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson
Mr Nigel Evans
Paul Farrelly

Alan Keen
Rosemary McKenna
Mr Adrian Sanders

1. The Licensing Act 2003

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Licensing Act 2003* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

LI 78 Cllr David Pearson

2. Press standards, privacy and libel

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Press standards, privacy and libel* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PS 39 Elaine Decoulos

PS 40 Jonathan Coad, Swan Turton

PS 41 Media Lawyers Association

PS 42 Mark Thomson, Carter-Ruck

PS 43 Max Mosley

PS 44 Media Lawyers Association

PS 45 Sent by Finers Innocent LLP on behalf of: Advance Publications Inc, Association of American Publishers, Associated Press, Bloomberg, CBS Television, Fairfax Media Ltd, Global Witness US, Greenpeace International, Human Rights Watch, Los Angeles Times, MacMillan (US), Media Law Resource Centre Inc, NBC Universal Inc and New York Times

PS 46 Brooke Goldstein, Director, The Legal Project at the Middle East Forum

Max Mosley gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 March at 2.15 pm.]

Tuesday 10 March 2009

Afternoon sitting

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson

Mr Nigel Evans

Paul Farrelly

Mr Mike Hall

Alan Keen

Rosemary McKenna

Adam Price

Mr Adrian Sanders

1. BBC Commercial Operations

Draft Special Report [*Unauthorised Disclosure of Heads of Report*], proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1 to 4 read and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the First Special report of the Committee to the House.

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

2. Press standards, privacy and libel

Gerry McCann, Clarence Mitchell and Adam Tudor gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 12 March at 10.15 am.]

Thursday 12 March 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Paul Farrelly

Alan Keen

Adam Price

1. BBC Commercial Operations

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 March at 10.15 am.]

Tuesday 17 March 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson
Paul Farrelly

Mr Adrian Sanders
Helen Southworth

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. DCMS Annual Report and Accounts

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 19 March at 10.15 am.]

Thursday 19 March 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson
Philip Davies
Mr Nigel Evans
Paul Farrelly

Mr Mike Hall
Alan Keen
Rosemary McKenna
Helen Southworth

1. Press standards, privacy and libel

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Press standards, privacy and libel* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PS 47 David Wyn Davies

Resolved, That the Committee take evidence in private.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 March at 10.00 am.]

Tuesday 24 March 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson

Philip Davies

Paul Farrelly

Mr Mike Hall

Alan Keen

Adam Price

Helen Southworth

1. Petition

The Committee considered the petition to the House from the Residents of Eastham and others concerning the proposal to either close or transfer to community ownership Eastham Library.

2. Future Programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Future for local and regional media.

3. Press standards, privacy and libel

Jeff Edwards, Journalist and Chairman, Crime Reporters Association, Sean O'Neill, Crime and Security Editor, The Times, and Dr Ben Goldacre, Bad Science columnist, The Guardian, gave oral evidence.

Sir Christopher Meyer, Chairman, and Tim Toulmin, Director, Press Complaints Commission, and Tim Bowdler, Chairman, Press Standards Board of Finance, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 25 March at 10.00 am.]

Wednesday 25 March 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson
Philip Davies
Paul Farrelly

Mr Mike Hall
Helen Southworth

1. BBC Commercial Operations

Draft Report [*BBC Commercial Operations*], 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 Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 24.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 April at 10.15 am.]

Sunday 29 March to Friday 3 April

The Chairman, Janet Anderson, Philip Davies, Paul Farrelly, Mr Mike Hall, Alan Keen, Adam Price and Mr Adrian Sanders visited Washington DC, Albany and New York, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Press standards, privacy and libel, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 20 January.

Tuesday 21 April 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson
Philip Davies
Mr Nigel Evans
Paul Farrelly
Mr Mike Hall

Alan Keen
Rosemary McKenna
Adam Price
Mr Adrian Sanders
Helen Southworth

1. Licensing Act 2003

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the *Licensing Act 2003* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

LI 79 Flash Company

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Press standards, privacy and libel

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Press standards, privacy and libel* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PS 49 Olswang

PS 51 Jim Sheridan MP

PS 52 Alan Dee

PS 53 Elaine Decoulos

PS 54 Nick Armstrong, partner of Charles Russell LP Solicitors

PS 55 Paul Joslyn

Nick Davies, Journalist and Author, and Roy Greenslade, Professor of Journalism, City University and columnist, The Guardian, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 23 April at 10.15 am.]

Thursday 23 April 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson

Philip Davies

Paul Farrelly

Alan Keen

Rosemary McKenna

1. Licensing Act 2003

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The future for local and regional media

Resolved, That the Committee visit Yorkshire in connection with its inquiry into The future for local and regional media.

4. Press standards, privacy and libel

Paul Dacre, Editor in Chief, and Robin Esser, Executive Managing Editor, Associated Newspapers, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 28 April at 10.15 am.]

Tuesday 28 April 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies
Paul Farrelly
Mr Mike Hall

Alan Keen
Rosemary McKenna
Helen Southworth

1. Petition

The Committee considered the petition to the House from the Residents of Higher Bebington and others concerning the proposal to close Higher Bebington Library, Wirral.

2. Press standards, privacy and libel

Peter Hill, Editor, Express Newspaper, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 30 April at 11.30 am.]

Tuesday 28 April

The Chairman, Mr Mike Hall, Alan Keen, and Helen Southworth, visited the National Gallery, London, to discuss future plans for the gallery, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 24 February.

Tuesday 30 April 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies
Paul Farrelly

Mr Adrian Sanders
Helen Southworth

1. Licensing Act 2003

Draft Report [*The Licensing Act 2003*], 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 492.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 May at 10.15 am.]

Tuesday 5 May 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson
Philip Davies
Paul Farrelly

Alan Keen
Adam Price
Mr Adrian Sanders

1. Press standards, privacy and libel

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

Alan Rusbridger, Editor, The Guardian, and Ian Hislop, Editor, Private Eye, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 May at 10.15 am.]

Tuesday 12 May 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson
Philip Davies
Mr Nigel Evans
Paul Farrelly

Mr Mike Hall
Alan Keen
Mr Adrian Sanders
Helen Southworth

1. Press standards, privacy and libel

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Press standards, privacy and libel* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PS 59 College Art Association
PS 62 Times Newspapers Limited
PS 63 Peter Hill, Daily Express
PS 64 Daily Mail
PS 65 Daily Mail
PS 66 Martyn Jones MP
PS 67 Master of the Rolls

2. Channel 4 Annual Report

Luke Johnson, Chairman, Andy Duncan, Chief Executive, and Anne Bulford, Group Finance Director, Channel 4, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 May at 10.15 am.]

Tuesday 19 May 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson	Mr Mike Hall
Philip Davies	Alan Keen
Mr Nigel Evans	Rosemary McKenna
Paul Farrelly	

1. Future Programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Press standards, privacy and libel

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Press standards, privacy and libel* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PS 60 + A	Terence Ewing
PS 61	Terence Ewing
PS 69	Ian Hislop
PS 70	Joint Committee on Human Rights
PS 71	Terence Ewing

Sir Anthony Clarke, Master of the Rolls, and Lord Justice Jackson, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon Jack Straw, Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 2 June at 10.15 am.]

Tuesday 2 June 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Mr Nigel Evans	Mr Adrian Sanders
Paul Farrelly	Helen Southworth
Mr Mike Hall	

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The future for local and regional media

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The future for local and regional media* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

FLM 1	Philip Harrison
FLM 2	TAPS
FLM 3	D C Thomson & Co
FLM 4	BECTU
FLM 5	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council
FLM 7	Chartered Institute of Journalists
FLM 8	Scottish Screen
FLM 9	The Newspaper Society
FLM 11	Department for Culture, Media and Sport
FLM 12	Enders Analysis Ltd
FLM 13	Skillset
FLM 14	United for Local Television
FLM 15	MG ALBA
FLM 16	John Rossetti
FLM 17	Guardian Media Group plc
FLM 18	The Press Association
FLM 19	Scottish Newspaper Publishers Association
FLM 20	News International Newspapers
FLM 21	Society of Editors
FLM 22	Local Government Association
FLM 23	RadioCentre
FLM 24	STV
FLM 25	National Union of Journalists
FLM 27	Trinity Mirror
FLM 28	Scottish Daily Newspaper Society
FLM 29	Channel Four Television Corporation
FLM 30	Ofcom

3. Press standards, privacy and libel

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Press standards, privacy and libel* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PS 74	The Master of the Rolls
PS 76	Tesco PLC
PS 77	Shane Morris

Mark Stephens, Partner, Finers Stephens Innocent LLP, and Charmian Gooch, Director, Global Witness, gave oral evidence.

Barbara Follett MP, Minister for Culture, Creative Industries and Tourism, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 9 June at 10.15 am.]

Tuesday 9 June 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies

Mr Nigel Evans

Paul Farrelly

Mr Mike Hall

Alan Keen

Helen Southworth

1. The future for local and regional media

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The future for local and regional media* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

FLM 32 Big Spark Publishing Limited

FLM 33 BBC Trust

FLM 34 BBC Executive

2. Press standards, privacy and libel

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Press standards, privacy and libel* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PS 75 Mr Justice Eady

PS 80 Private Eye

PS 81 The Booksellers Association

PS 83 Master of the Rolls

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 June at 10.15 am.]

Tuesday 16 June 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson

Adam Price

Mr Nigel Evans

Mr Adrian Sanders

Alan Keen

Helen Southworth

1. Press standards, privacy and libel

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Press standards, privacy and libel* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PS 86 David Price, David Price Solicitors and Advocates

2. The future for local and regional media

Claire Enders, Founder and Chief Executive, Enders Analysis, and Christopher Thomson, Chief Executive, DC Thomson & Co, gave oral evidence.

Sly Bailey, Chief Executive, Trinity Mirror, Carolyn McCall, Chief Executive, Guardian Media Group, and John Fry, Chief Executive, Johnston Press, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 7 July at 10.15 am.]

Wednesday 1–Thursday 2 July

The Chairman, Janet Anderson, Philip Davies, Paul Farrelly, and Rosemary McKenna, visited Yorkshire, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into The future for local and regional media, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 23 April.

Tuesday 7 July 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson

Philip Davies

Mr Nigel Evans

Paul Farrelly

Mr Mike Hall

Alan Keen

Adam Price

Mr Adrian Sanders

1. Press standards, privacy and libel

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Press standards, privacy and libel* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PS 88 Duncan Anderson

PS 89 Article 19

PS 91 Department for Culture, Media and Sport and Ministry of Justice

2. The future for local and regional media

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The future for local and regional media* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

FLM 35 Enders Analysis

FLM 36 Enders Analysis

Tony Watson, Managing Director, Jonathan Grun, Editor, and John Angeli, Head of Content, Press Association, gave oral evidence.

David Newell, Director, The Newspaper Society, Michael Pelosi, Managing Director, Northcliffe Media, Geraldine Allinson, Chairman, Kent Messenger Group, and Ed Curran, Editor in Chief, Belfast Telegraph, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 9 July at 10.15 am.]

Thursday 9 July 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies

Paul Farrelly

Alan Keen

Rosemary McKenna

Adam Price

Mr Adrian Sanders

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Alan Keen was called to the Chair for part of the meeting.

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Edinburgh to attend the International Conference on Television and Broadcasting..

Resolved, That the Chairman have leave to visit Peterborough to attend the Musicians' Union Conference 2009 in a representative capacity.

2. Press standards, privacy and libel

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 14 July at 10.15 am.]

Tuesday 14 July 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Mr Peter Ainsworth

Janet Anderson

Philip Davies

Paul Farrelly

Mr Mike Hall

Alan Keen

Rosemary McKenna

Adam Price

Mr Adrian Sanders

Mr Tom Watson

1. New Members

Mr Peter Ainsworth disclosed his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

- Chairman of the Conservative Arts and Creative Industries Network and Chairman of the Elgar Foundation.

Mr Tom Watson disclosed his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992, as follows:

- Remunerated employment, office, profession etc: Regular column in PA news. (Up to £5,000) (Fee donated to charity.)
- Currently in dispute with the *Sun* newspaper.

2. BBC Commercial Operations

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Press standards, privacy and libel

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Press standards, privacy and libel* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PS 94	Mario Petrov
PS 97	Letter from the Chairman to Les Hinton
PS 98	Letter from the Chairman to the Guardian
PS 99	Letter from the Chairman to News International Ltd
PS 100	Les Hinton
PS 101	Alan Rusbridger, editor of the Guardian
PS 102	Rebekah Wade, News International Ltd
PS 104	Press Complaints Commission
PS 105	Letter from the Chairman to the Press Complaints Commission

Tim Toulmin, Director, Press Complaints Commission, gave oral evidence.

Alan Rusbridger, Editor, Paul Johnson, Deputy Editor, and Nick Davies, journalist, The Guardian, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 16 July at 10.15 am.]

Thursday 16 July 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Mr Peter Ainsworth
Janet Anderson
Philip Davies

Paul Farrelly
Mr Adrian Sanders
Mr Tom Watson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. The Licensing Act 2003

The Committee considered this matter.

3. BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2008–09

Sir Michael Lyons, Chairman, BBC Trust, Mark Thompson, Director-General, and Zarin Patel, Director of Finance, BBC, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 20 July at 10.15 am.]

Monday 20 July 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Mr Peter Ainsworth
Janet Anderson
Philip Davies
Paul Farrelly
Mr Mike Hall

Alan Keen
Adam Price
Mr Adrian Sanders
Mr Tom Watson

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Press standards, privacy and libel

Resolved, That the Committee seek supplementary written evidence from Nick Davies.

3. Venice Biennale

Resolved, That the Chairman, two Members and the Clerk have leave to visit Venice in September to attend the Venice Biennale in a representative capacity.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 21 July at 10.15 am.]

Tuesday 21 July 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Mr Peter Ainsworth	Alan Keen
Janet Anderson	Adam Price
Philip Davies	Mr Adrian Sanders
Paul Farrelly	Mr Tom Watson
Mr Mike Hall	

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Press standards, privacy and libel

Resolved, That the Chairman have leave to visit the Information Commissioner's Office in August, in a representative capacity.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Press standards, privacy and libel* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PS 106	Alan Rusbridger, Editor, The Guardian
PS 110	Information Commissioner
PS 111	Director of Public Prosecutions
PS 112	Information Commissioner
PS 114	Metropolitan Police Service
PS 116	Shadowmen redacted invoices

Ordered, That the Information Commissioner be authorised to publish his written evidence on *Press standards, privacy and libel*, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 135.

Mr John Whittingdale declared: I am an elected member of the Board of the Conservative party which is currently the formal employer of Mr Andy Coulson. I have stood aside from my membership of the Board whilst this inquiry is taking place.

Mr Tom Watson declared: I am a member of the Unite Union; In my dispute with the *Sun* I am represented by Carter-Ruck Solicitors on a CFA agreement.

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

Andy Coulson, former Editor, News of the World, and Stuart Kuttner, Managing Editor, News of the World, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned to a day and time to be set by the Chairman.]

Tuesday 28 July

The Chairman visited Peterborough to attend the Musicians' Union Conference 2009 in a representative capacity, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 9 July.

Wednesday 26 August

The Chairman visited the Information Commissioner's Office, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 21 July.

Friday 28–Sunday 30 August

The Chairman, Janet Anderson, Alan Keen, Adam Price, and Mr Tom Watson, visited Edinburgh to attend the International Conference on Television and Broadcasting, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 9 July.

Wednesday 2 September 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson	Rosemary McKenna
Philip Davies	Adam Price
Paul Farrelly	Mr Adrian Sanders
Mr Mike Hall	Mr Tom Watson
Alan Keen	

1. The future for local and regional media

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The future for local and regional media* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

FLM 38	Newspaper Society
FLM 39	Leeds Trinity & All Saints
FLM 41	Christopher Thomson, D C Thomson & Co Ltd
FLM 42	RadioCentre
FLM 43	Manchester City Council
FLM 44	The Association of News Retailing

2. Press standards, privacy and libel

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Press standards, privacy and libel* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PS 119	Keir Starmer, QC, DPP
PS 120	Nick Davies, <i>The Guardian</i>
PS 121	Colin Myler, <i>News of the World</i>
PS 122	Christopher Graham, Information Commissioner

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Press Complaints Commission in connection with its inquiry into Press standards, privacy and libel.

Christopher Graham, Information Commissioner, and David Clancy, Investigations Manager, Information Commissioner's Office, gave oral evidence.

John Yates, Assistant Commissioner, and Philip Williams, Detective Chief Superintendent, Metropolitan Police Service, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 September at 2.00 pm.]

Friday 4 – Saturday 5 September 2009

The Chairman, and Adam Price visited Venice to attend the Venice Biennale, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 20 July.

Tuesday 15 September 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson
Philip Davies
Paul Farrelly

Mr Mike Hall
Adam Price
Mr Tom Watson

1. The future for local and regional media

Resolved, That the Committee visit Manchester on 2–3 November in connection with its inquiry into The future for local and regional media.

2. BBC Commercial Operations: Further Report

Draft Report [*BBC Commercial Operations: Further 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 Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 968.

3. Press standards, privacy and libel

Les Hinton, Chief Executive Officer, Dow Jones and Company gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 13 October at 10.15 am.]

Tuesday 13 October 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Mr Peter Ainsworth
Paul Farrelly

Mr Adrian Sanders
Mr Tom Watson

1. Press standards, privacy and libel

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Press standards, privacy and libel* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PS 129	Jonathan Steinberg
PS 130	Tim Crook
PS 131	Alan Rusbridger, Editor, The Guardian

2. The future for local and regional media

The Committee considered this matter.

3. London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 October at 10.30 am.]

Tuesday 13 October

The Chairman and Mr Peter Ainsworth visited the Press Complaints Commission in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Press standards, privacy and libel, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 3 September.

Tuesday 20 October 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Mr Peter Ainsworth

Mr Adrian Sanders

Paul Farrelly

Mr Tom Watson

Philip Davies

1. Press standards, privacy and libel

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Press standards, privacy and libel* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PS 132 David Wyn Davies

2. The future for local and regional media

Resolved, That the Committee's visit to Manchester in connection with its inquiry be postponed to early 2010.

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from Google on Thursday 3 December 2009.

3. DCMS Annual Report and Accounts 2009 and the Responsibilities of the Secretary of State

Rt Hon Ben Bradshaw MP, Secretary of State and Jonathan Stephens, Permanent Secretary, Department for Culture, Media & Sport gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 27 October at 10.30 am.]

Tuesday 27 October 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Mr Peter Ainsworth	Mr Adrian Sanders
Paul Farrelly	Mr Tom Watson
Philip Davies	Rosemary McKenna
Janet Anderson	

1. The future for local and regional media

Sharon Taylor, Local Government Association and Stevenage Borough Council, Gerald Vernon Jackson, Councillor, Portsmouth City Council and Mark Loveday, Councillor, Hammersmith and Fulham Borough Council, gave oral evidence.

Andrew Harrison, Chief Executive, RadioCentre, Travis Baxter, Managing Director, Bauer Radio and Steve Fountain, Head of Radio, KM Group, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 29 October at 10.15 am.]

Thursday 29 October 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Mr Peter Ainsworth	Paul Farrelly
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1. Press standards, privacy and libel

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 5 November at 10.15 am.]

Thursday 5 November 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson

Paul Farrelly

Philip Davies

Mr Adrian Sanders

1. DCMS Annual report and Accounts 2009 and responsibilities of the Secretary of State

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *DCMS Annual report and Accounts 2009 and responsibilities of the Secretary of State* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

DCMS 01 Rt Hon Ben Bradshaw, Secretary of State

DCMS 02 Rt Hon Ben Bradshaw, Secretary of State

2. The future for local and regional media

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *The future for local and regional media* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

FLM 46 Councillor Mark Loveday, Hammersmith & Fulham Borough Council

3. Press standards, privacy and libel

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 November at 10.15 am.]

Tuesday 10 November 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson

Philip Davies

Paul Farrelly

Rosemary McKenna

Adam Price

Mr Adrian Sanders

Mr Tom Watson

1. Press standards, privacy and libel

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Press standards, privacy and libel* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PS 133	Information Commissioner
PS 134	Press Complaints Commission
PS 135	Alan Rusbridger, Editor, The Guardian
PS 136	Keir Starmer QC, CPS

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Sunday Mirror on 11 November 2009, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into press standards, libel and privacy.

2. London 2012 Olympics and Paralympic Games

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into London 2012 Olympics and Paralympic Games.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Olympic Park, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into London 2012 Olympics and Paralympic Games.

3. The future for local and regional media

Bobby Hain, Director of Broadcast Services and Regulatory Affairs, and Gordon MacMillan, Head of News, STV gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 12 November at 10.15 am.]

Wednesday 11 November 2009

The Chairman, Mr Peter Ainsworth and Mr Tom Watson visited the Sunday Mirror in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Press standards, privacy and libel, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 10 November.

Thursday 12 November 2009

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Mr Peter Ainsworth

Philip Davies

Paul Farrelly

Adam Price

Mr Adrian Sanders

Mr Tom Watson

1. Press standards, privacy and libel

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to *Press standards, privacy and libel* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

PS 138

Metropolitan Police Service

[Adjourned till Thursday 19 November at 10.15 am.]

Declarations of Specialist Advisers' Interests

Declared on 27 January 2009.

Mr Brian Cathcart

- No relevant interests

Mr Ray Gallagher

- Consultancy: I advise an internet video company, Joost, on regulatory and public policy issues (February 2008 –). I also provide advice to Portland PR for their client FremantleMedia (September 2008 –).
- My wife and I have some shareholdings in communications and information industry businesses held in investment portfolios. I also have some shares in BSkyB from a share option scheme exercised during my employment. In all cases these holdings represent only a small portion of assets.
- I joined the Sky pension plan during my employment and ceased contributing to it when I left the company in February 2006.

Ms Sara John

- Director, Young Person's Concert Foundation—music charity to help young people to appreciate and enjoy music
- Member, fundraising committee, Cheek by Jowl theatre company

Mr Bob Kindred

Occupation

- Conservation & Urban Design Operational Manager for Ipswich Borough Council

Non-pecuniary interests

- Life Member, Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC), Government Liaison Secretary and member of IHBC Council and Policy Committee
- Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute
- Trustee & Company Director, Ipswich Historic Churches Trust (Charitable Trust)
- Trustee & Company Director, Ipswich Building Preservation Trust Ltd (Charitable Trust)
- Trustee of National Committee of the UK Association of Preservation Trusts
- Member of the UNESCO UK Culture Committee
- Member of Advisory Board of Maintain Our Heritage (Charitable Trust)
- Member of the Victorian Society
- Member of Ancient Monuments Society
- Member of Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings

- Member of Association for the Study of Conservation of Historic Buildings (ASCHB)
- Member of National Trust
- Heritage Advisor, Local Government Association

Pecuniary interests

- External Examiner, RICS Post Graduate Building Conservation Diploma Course, College of Estate Management, University of Reading
- Consultant Editor to the Journal of Architectural Conservation

Mr Martin Le Jeune

- I write speeches for Sky
- I carry out paid consultancy work for clients on public affairs, including Royal Mail, Orange, OSS Group, William Hill and others