



House of Commons  
Culture, Media and Sport  
Committee

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## **Formal Minutes**

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**Session 2009–10**

**Thursday 19 November 2009**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

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| Mr Peter Ainsworth | Adam Price        |
| Philip Davies      | Mr Adrian Sanders |
| Paul Farrelly      | 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 48 Radio Centre  
FLM 49 KM Group

**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 14 Tom Bower

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 November at 10.15 am

**Tuesday 24 November 2009**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Mr Peter Ainsworth | Adam Price        |
| Philip Davies      | Mr Adrian Sanders |
| Paul Farrelly      | Mr Tom Watson     |

**The future for local and regional media**

John Fingleton, Chief Executive and Alastair Mordaunt, Director of Mergers, Office of Fair Trading, Ed Richards, Chief Executive, and Stewart Purvis CBE, Content and Standards Partner, Ofcom, gave oral evidence.

Mark Byford, Deputy Director-General and Helen Boaden, Director, BBC News, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 26 November at 10.15 am

**Thursday 26 November 2009**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Mr Peter Ainsworth | Rosemary McKenna  |
| Janet Anderson     | Adam Price        |
| Paul Farrelly      | Mr Adrian Sanders |
| Alan Keen          | Mr Tom Watson     |

**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 78 Professor Chris Frost  
PS143 Carter-Ruck Solicitors  
PS146 Information Commissioner

[Adjourned till Tuesday 1 December at 10.15 am

**Tuesday 1 December 2009**

**[The Committee met concurrently with the  
Business, Innovation and Skills Committee]**

Members present:

|                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Janet Anderson | Mr Adrian Sanders    |
| Philip Davies  | Mr Tom Watson        |
| Mr Mike Hall   | Mr John Whittingdale |

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

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Mr Michael Clapham   | Ian Stewart       |
| Miss Julie Kirkbride | Mr Anthony Wright |
| Peter Luff           |                   |

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

**Ofcom Annual Plan 2009–10**

Dr Colette Bowe, Chairman and Ed Richards, Chief Executive, Ofcom, gave oral evidence

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

Dr Colette Bowe, Chairman, and Ed Richards, Chief Executive, Ofcom, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 3 December at 10.15 am

**Thursday 3 December 2009**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Mr Peter Ainsworth | Mr Adrian Sanders |
| Paul Farrelly      | Mr Tom Watson     |
| Alan Keen          |                   |

**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 144          Centre for Social Cohesion

**2. Committee's programme of work**

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into Olympic Legacy.

**3. The future for local and regional media**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to *Press Standards, Privacy and Libel* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

|        |                         |
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| FLM 51 | PRS for Music           |
| FLM 52 | PPL                     |
| FLM 53 | Portsmouth City Council |
| FLM 54 | Google                  |
| FLM 55 | ITV                     |

Matt Brittin, Managing Director, Google UK, gave oral evidence.

Paul Bradshaw, lecturer in Journalism, Birmingham City University, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 8 December at 10.15 am

**Tuesday 8 December 2009**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies

Rosemary McKenna

Paul Farrelly

Adam Price

**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 56      PRS for Music

*Ordered*, That Channel 4 be authorised to publish their written evidence on the Future for local and regional media in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 135.

Michael Grade, Executive Chairman and Michael Jerney, Director of News, Current Affairs and Sport, ITV plc, gave oral evidence.

Siôn Simon MP, Minister for Creative Industries and Keith Smith, Deputy Director of Media, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 December at 10.15 am

**Wednesday 9 December 2009**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Peter Ainsworth

Alan Keen

Janet Anderson

Rosemary McKenna

Philip Davies

Adam Price

Paul Farrelly

Mr Adrian Sanders

Mr Mike Hall

Mr Tom Watson

**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 137      News International

PS 148      Metropolitan Police Service

PS 150 Max Mosley  
PS 153 Information Commissioner  
PS 157 News International

Motion made, and Question put, That the Committee should extend its inquiry into the New Year to invite Rebekah Brooks, Chief Executive Officer, News International, to give oral evidence—(*Mr Tom Watson.*)

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 8          Noes, 1

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

Question agreed to.

[Adjourned till Thursday 10 December at 10.15 am

**Thursday 10 December 2009**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies                          Alan Keen  
Paul Farrelly                          Mr Adrian Sanders

**Press standards, privacy and libel**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 15 December at 10.15 am

**Tuesday 15 December 2009**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Mr Peter Ainsworth  
Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly  
Alan Keen

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 153      Alan Rusbridger, Editor, The Guardian

**2. London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games**

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

[Adjourned till Tuesday 5 January 2010 at 10.15 am

**Tuesday 5 January 2010**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Paul Farrelly  
Alan Keen

Mr Tom Watson

**1. 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 47      UTV, UKRD Group, The Local Radio Company  
FLM 59      BBC

**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 164      Press Complaints Commission

PS 165 Terence Ewing  
PS 166 Terence Ewing

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 January 2010 at 10.15 am

**Tuesday 12 January 2010**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

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| Mr Peter Ainsworth | Adam Price        |
| Philip Davies      | Mr Adrian Sanders |
| Paul Farrelly      | Mr Tom Watson     |
| Mr Mike Hall       |                   |

### **1. 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:

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| FLM 60 | STV Group plc     |
| FLM 61 | Cumbria's Calling |

### **2. The work of the Committee in 2008–09**

Draft Report (*The work of the Committee in 2008–09*), 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 264.*

### **3. Specialist advisers (declaration of interests)**

The interests of the following Specialist Advisers were declared: Brian Cathcart, Ray Gallagher, Bob Kindred MBE and Sara John. (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.)

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 January 2010 at 10.15 am



**Tuesday 19 January 2010**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies

Paul Farrelly

Rosemary McKenna

Adam Price

Mr Adrian Sanders

### **1. Future for local and regional media**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Press standards, privacy and libel**

*Ordered*, that Henri Brandman solicitors do, within seven days, lay before the Committee the following in connection with its inquiry into Press standards, privacy and libel, as submitted to them in a letter from the Clerk of the Committee dated 8 December 2009:

1. Skeleton argument on sentence on behalf of Clive Goodman;
2. References on behalf of Clive Goodman.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 26 January 2010 at 10.15 am

**Tuesday 26 January 2010**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Mr Peter Ainsworth

Janet Anderson

Philip Davies

Paul Farrelly

Mr Adrian Sanders

### **1. Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

### **2. Olympic Games and Paralympic Games 2012: Legacy**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the *Olympic Games and Paralympic Games 2012: Legacy* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

OLL 01 R K Baldwin

OLL 02 Vision 2020 UK

OLL 03 CCPR

- OLL 04 UK Athletics
- OLL 05 British Swimming and the ASA
- OLL 06 London Assembly's EDCST Committee
- OLL 07 UK Sport
- OLL 08 Incorporated Society of Musicians
- OLL 09 Dr John Allen
- OLL 10 Belle Media Ltd
- OLL 11 pmpgenesis
- OLL 12 Business In Sport and Leisure Limited
- OLL 13 Public and Commercial Services Union
- OLL 14 London Borough of Newham
- OLL 15 Women's Sport and Fitness Foundation
- OLL 16 Gaynor Nash
- OLL 17 VisitBritain
- OLL 18 Institute for Sport, Parks and Leisure
- OLL 19 Youth Sport Trust
- OLL 20 Sport England
- OLL 21 Lee Valley Regional Park Authority
- OLL 22 London Thames Gateway Development Corporation
- OLL 23 Local Government Association

### **3. Press standards, privacy and libel**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 2 February 2010 at 10.15 am

**Tuesday 2 February 2010**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Philip Davies

Mr Adrian Sanders

Paul Farrelly

Mr Tom Watson

### **1. 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 62 Press Association

### **2. Olympic Games and Paralympic Games 2012: Legacy**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the *Olympic Games and Paralympic Games 2012: Legacy* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

OLL 24 British Council

### **3. Press standards, privacy and libel**

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

PS 175 Terence Ewing

[Adjourned till Thursday 4 February 2010 at 10.15 am

**Thursday 4 February 2010**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson  
Philip Davies

Paul Farrelly

### **1. Olympic Games and Paralympic Games 2012: Legacy**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the *Olympic Games and Paralympic Games 2012: Legacy* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

OLL 25 Minister for the Olympics

OLL 26 Mayor of London

OLL 27 Host Boroughs Unit

### **2. Press standards, privacy and libel**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 9 February 2010 at 10.15 am

**Tuesday 9 February 2010**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Mr Peter Ainsworth  
Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly

Rosemary McKenna  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Mr Tom Watson

## **1. Press standards, privacy and libel**

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

PS 168 News International  
PS 178 Sense About Science  
PS 181 News International  
PS 182 Chairman to Metropolitan Police Service  
PS 183 Metropolitan Police Service

Draft Report (*Press standards, privacy and libel*), 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 362.*

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 March 2010 at 10.15 am

**Wednesday 3 March 2010**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

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

## **1. Olympic Games and Paralympic Games 2012: Legacy**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the *Olympic Games and Paralympic Games 2012: Legacy* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

OLL 28 People1st  
OLL 29 London Borough of Hackney  
OLL 30 Olympic Park Legacy Company  
OLL 31 Taking Part (UK) Ltd

## **2. DCMS 2009–10 Spring Supplementary Estimate**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the *DCMS 2009–10 Spring Supplementary Estimate* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

DCMS Estimate Memorandum

### **3. Olympic Games and Paralympic Games 2012: Legacy**

Mr Mark Dolley, Managing Director, Taking Part, and Tessa Sanderson CBE, OPLC Board member and founder of Newham Sports Academy, gave oral evidence.

Baroness Ford, a Member of the House of Lords, Chairman, and Mr Andrew Altman, Chief Executive, Olympic Park Legacy Company, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 10 March 2010 at 10.30 am

#### **Wednesday 10 March 2010**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson  
Philip Davies  
Paul Farrelly

Mr Adrian Sanders  
Mr Tom Watson

#### **1. Channel 4 Annual Report**

Draft Report (*Channel 4 Annual Report*), proposed by the Chair, 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 415.*

#### **2. Future for local and regional media**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 17 March 2010 at 10.15 am

#### **Wednesday 17 March 2010**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Mr Peter Ainsworth  
Paul Farrelly

Alan Keen  
Mr Adrian Sanders

#### **1. Olympic Games and Paralympic Games 2012: Legacy**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the *Olympic Games and Paralympic Games 2012: Legacy* be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

OLL 32 Eastway Users' Group

## **2. 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 63 BBC

## **3. Olympic Games and Paralympic Games 2012: Legacy**

Sir Robin Wales, Mayor of Newham and Chair of the Host Boroughs Joint Committee, Jules Pipe CBE, Mayor of Hackney, and Roger Taylor, Director of the Host Boroughs Unit, gave oral evidence.

Rt Hon Tessa Jowell MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office and for the Olympics and David Brooker, Director, Legacy, Government Olympic Executive, and Shahid Malik MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State and Philip Cox, Director for Thames Gateway and Olympics, Department for Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 24 March 2010 at 10.15 am

**Wednesday 24 March 2010**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Janet Anderson

Mr Adrian Sanders

Mr Peter Ainsworth

Mr Tom Watson

Philip Davies

## **1. Olympic Games and Paralympic Games 2012: Legacy**

Written evidence was ordered to be reported to the House for printing.

## **2. Future for local and regional media**

Draft Report (*Future for local and regional media*), proposed by the Chair, 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 43-I.*

## **4. BBC Annual Report 2008-09**

Draft Report (*BBC Annual Report 2008-09*), proposed by the Chair, 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 515.*

[Adjourned till Monday 29 March 2010 at 4.00 pm

**Monday 29 March 2010**

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Mr Peter Ainsworth

Alan Keen

Philip Davies

Adam Price

**1. Press standards, privacy and libel**

Draft Special Report (*Press standards, privacy and libel: Press Complaints Commission's Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2009–10*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Press Complaints Commission's Response to the Second Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

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

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

[The Committee adjourned.]