

Dear PRP

I urge you to remind Parliament of the conclusions of Leveson and the need for independent press regulation.

The Leveson Report concludes:

"if some or all of the industry are not willing to participate in effective independent regulation, my own concluded view is to reject the notion that they should escape regulation altogether. I cannot, and will not, recommend another last chance saloon for the press. With some measure of regret, therefore, I am driven to conclude that the Government should be ready to consider the need for a statutory backstop regulator being established, to ensure, at the least, that the press are subject to regulation that would require the fullest compliance with the criminal and civil law, if not also to ensure consequences equivalent to those that would flow from an independent self-regulatory system."

Since the large newspapers and publishers have decided to remain outside any new system it is important that Parliament should be urged to implement the 'guaranteed access to justice incentive' (section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act).