

Q1: In your opinion, has the new system for overseeing press regulation in the UK been a success or failure so far? Please explain your reasons.

A failure. Because the main offenders in the past have declined to participate. I trained as an auditor, and a cardinal principle is 'separation of duties'. Just as the Judiciary is independent of the Executive for the same reason, equally the media cannot be expected to regulate themselves without independent oversight.

Q2: For publishers, joining an approved regulator is voluntary. For regulators, applying for Charter recognition is voluntary. In your opinion, what factors or issues will affect regulators' and publishers' decisions when they consider these choices.

Self interest. Then the law of the land. Backsliding by the Secretary of State on bringing into force Section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act 2013 is, in my opinion, a major contributor to the main past offenders trying to achieve yet another 'last chance saloon'.