

I am very anxious that the excellent Leveson Report should not be allowed to disappear into history. When the PRP submits its report, it is important that Parliament should not be allowed to continue by its silence to authorise IPSO. Leveson was very clear that the press should not be allowed to continue to evade independent regulation, and he urged the Government to set up a statutory backstop regulator if necessary.

The PRP should therefore strongly recommend to Parliament that the key 'guaranteed access to justice incentive' (section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act) should be brought into effect as Parliament had intended. Only by this means can the system Leveson envisaged be given the chance to work.

Catherine Belsey