

Dear Madam/Sir

Four years after Leveson, we are still waiting for any effective implementation of his recommendations. Both the press and the government are clearly trying to spin the situation out, playing for time, and hoping that the Leveson report will slowly be forgotten.

I urge you to give Parliament the following reminders:

1. Part 2 of the Leveson Inquiry, the examination of police-press collusion, was adjourned to avoid prejudicing various criminal trials.

It now now overdue and needs to begin. Why is the government delaying it?

2. Since Leveson Part 1, the situation has actually become worse, in that several major newspapers now belong to no regulatory body at all, not even the ineffectual and press-owned IPSO.

3. Leveson anticipated that the press would try to worm their way out of any effective regulation. After all, they have been in many "last chance saloons" before, most recently in the mid 1990s, and have always managed to get out scot free. He said:

"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."

I also ask you to urge the government to bring into effect Section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (the Leveson access to justice recommendations), as Parliament intended. It is stalling on what should have been a routine order, without any discernible reason other than to be seen to be doing a special favour for the press.

Yours faithfully
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