

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.

I consider it to be a work in progress only - no independent regulator has yet been recognised by the PRP. Parliament still needs to enact Section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act 2013, as recommended in the Leveson Report, to ensure fair access for complainants attempting to correct inaccuracies made by those members of the Press who have not subscribed to the Leveson process. If necessary a "statutory backstop regulator should be established" as recommended in the Leveson Report.

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.

Publishers will only apply for membership of a PRP approved regulator if Section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act 2013 is activated. Independent regulators will have no fear in applying for Charter recognition; only those regulators representing vested interests will not apply for Charter recognition - it is therefore vital that Parliament activate Section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act 2013.