

My request is for PRP to make two recommendations to Parliament.

Neither individuals nor institutions are above civil and criminal law in a democratic state

It is reasonably clear that substantial and influential parts of the British press will refrain, or even abstain, from fully participating in a major Levenson prescription, a system of independent self-regulation of the press.

In consequence of this normative fact, the Government should

- either institute a regulator whose function is to ensure full compliance by the press with criminal and civil law;
- or else ensure that equivalent legal consequences are the outcome of any independent system of self-regulation by the press.

Consistency with Parliament's recent intentions

Parliament should ensure that the 'guaranteed access to justice incentive' (section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act)

should be brought into effect in line with a previous intention of Parliament.

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