

1. The new system has been a failure:

Precisely because it is voluntary. Lord Leveson anticipated the consequences of non-compliance and made his recommendations quite clear - a statutory basis would be necessary.

Witness the cavalier response of The Sun (within the publishers' current 'scheme') to 'The Queen and the EU' story. Tiny retraction on front page - large retraction to retraction i.e. Reinstatement of original story, on inside pages.

2. Regulators and publishers decisions will be affected by:

The knowledge that the government is a 'soft touch' and is prepared to ignore, obfuscate and/or delay indefinitely the clearly stated wishes of parliament meaning it is business as usual for the press.

I strongly urge the immediate commencement of Section 40.

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