

Dear Sirs

With regard to the law passed in parliament in 2013 on the recommendations of the report I am writing to ask why this law is still not being implemented. There must be a unbiased body that the press has to answer to so there can be honest reporting based on facts. Firstly if some or all of the industry concerned are not willing to participate in this effective regulation, my own view is to reject the notion that they should escape regulation altogether. I cannot, and will not recommend another last chance for the press they have enough already. It is 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 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 arise from an independent self-regulatory system.

Secondly it should not matter whether IMPRESS will be recognised by the PRP, the PRP should 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.

Yours faithfully
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