

Dear Sir,

We urge you to implement Leveson in full. This is important because of the code breaches and criminal activity that has occurred and may still be going on. It is not acceptable to create a massive enquiry costing millions of pounds (which we apparently don't have) for what seems to be party political reasons. Equally the refusal of the government to implement Leveson shows further political manoeuvring and begs the question "**Who governs Britain**"?

Parliament should be reminded by the PRP what the Leveson Report said should happen if the industry tried to veto his recommendations and refused to comply. The Leveson Report says:

"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."

In the meantime, regardless of whether IMPRESS is 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.

What we now need is decisive and moral action to redress the gross excesses of the past and safeguard the future before the Press became an irrelevancy in the digital age.

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