

Leveson was well aware that the corporate press industry would fail to agree to INDEPENDENT REGULATION and consequently included measures to combat their refusal to comply. He stated ' 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.' May I suggest, therefore, that the PRP should strongly recommend to Parliament that the 'guaranteed access to justice incentive' should be brought into effect as Parliament clearly intended.

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