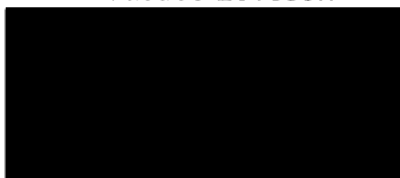




department for  
culture, media  
and sport

Lord Justice Leveson



Our Ref 181879/asg

28 July 2011

**Inquiries Act 2005**  
**Notice of Appointment under Sections 4 and 5**

We are the jointly responsible Ministers for the purposes of section 32 of the Inquiries Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act").

We understand that you have agreed to be appointed as Chairman to a Public inquiry into the Culture, Practices, and Ethics of the Press, which is being established and held under the provisions of the 2005 Act. We are satisfied that the formal consultation requirements of the 2005 Act have been complied with, including section 4(3) thereof. Your appointment is made under section 3(1)(a) of the 2005 Act.

This letter serves as the formal written instrument of your appointment as Chair to the said Inquiry for the purposes of 4(1) of the 2005 Act. The Terms of Reference of the Inquiry are attached to this instrument. We do not propose to appoint any other members to the Inquiry Panel other than yourself, but we are appointing assessors to assist you, in accordance with section 11 of the 2005 Act. A full list of these assessors is attached to this instrument. We are satisfied that you have already indicated your approval of these assessors, in accordance with section 11(3) of the 2005 Act.

For the purposes of section 5(1) of the 2005 Act, the setting up date will be 28<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

We would be grateful if you would confirm in writing your agreement to the terms of appointment.

We are copying this letter to the Lord Chief Justice, for his information.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Baroness Browning', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right and a vertical line at the end.

**Baroness Browning**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jeremy Hunt', with a large 'J' and 'H'.

**Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP**

## Full list of members of the panel of Assessors

Shami Chakrabarti CBE

Sir Paul Scott-Lee

Lord Currie

Elinor Goodman

George Jones

Sir David Bell

## **Terms of reference for Inquiry into Culture, Practices and Ethics of the Press**

### **Part 1**

1. To inquire into the culture, practices, and ethics of the press, including:
  - a. contacts and the relationships between national newspapers and politicians, and the conduct of each
  - b. contacts and the relationship between the press and the police, and the conduct of each
  - c. the extent to which the current policy and regulatory framework has failed including in relation to data protection
  - d. the extent to which there was a failure to act on previous warnings about media misconduct.
  
2. To make recommendations:
  - a. for a new more effective policy and regulatory regime which supports the integrity and freedom of the press, the plurality of the media, and its independence, including from Government, while encouraging the highest ethical and professional standards
  - b. for how future concerns about press behaviour, media policy, regulation and cross-media ownership should be dealt with by all the relevant authorities, including Parliament, Government, the prosecuting authorities and the police
  - c. the future conduct of relations between politicians and the press
  - d. the future conduct of relations between the police and the press.

### **Part 2**

3. To inquire into the extent of unlawful or improper conduct within News International, other newspaper organisations and, as appropriate, other organisations within the media, and by those responsible for holding personal data.
  
4. To inquire into the way in which any relevant police force investigated allegations or evidence of unlawful conduct by persons within or connected with News International, the review by the Metropolitan Police of their initial investigation, and the conduct of the prosecuting authorities.
  
5. To inquire into the extent to which the police received corrupt payments or other inducements, or were otherwise complicit in such misconduct or in suppressing its proper investigation, and how this was allowed to happen.
  
6. To inquire into the extent of corporate governance and management failures at News International and other newspaper organisations, and the role, if any, of politicians, public servants and others in relation to any failure to investigate wrongdoing at News International
  
7. In the light of these inquiries, to consider the implications for the relationships between newspaper organisations and the police, prosecuting authorities, and relevant regulatory bodies – and to recommend what actions, if any, should be taken.