

LEVESON INQUIRY INTO THE CULTURE, PRACTICES AND ETHICS OF THE PRESS

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF JOHN HARDIE

I, **JOHN HARDIE**, CEO of ITN, 200 Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8XZ, respond to the letter sent to me by Kim Brudenell, Solicitor to the Inquiry, dated 5 August (the "Letter") as follows:

- 1 I have been asked to provide certain documents under my custody or control. I attach the relevant documents. The appendix sets out all the documents in a list, as requested.
- 2 I address each of the individual requests in the Letter in turn below. ITN produces news programmes for two broadcasters, ITV and Channel 4.
 - a) ***Any current training materials, guidance, practices, codes of practice, code of conduct, handbooks or policies on, or bearing upon, any of the following:***

As is set out in more detail by ITN's Head of Compliance, the relevant documents in this regard are: the current ITN Compliance Manual, dated July 2004 ("CM"), at JH1; the current ITN Staff Handbook, dated February 2011 ("SH"), at JH2; the current Channel 4 Pre-Broadcast Protocol, dated 5 April 2006 ("C4PBP"), at JH3; the current ITV1 News Pre-Broadcast Protocol, dated 29 April 2009 ("ITVPBP"), at JH4; the current ITN Computer Acceptable Use Policy, which was made available to staff in 2003 or 2004 ("CAUP"), at JH5; the ITN Anti-Bribery Policy, dated 1 July 2011 ("ABP"), at JH6; the ITN Tweeting from Court Guidance, dated 25 January 2011 ("TCG"), and the ITN and Online Postings - Policy ("OPP"), both at JH7; and the Ofcom regulatory codes and guidance, which are available at the Ofcom website (<http://www.ofcom.org.uk/>).

a. Sources;

See the CM at 2.5, 2.9 and 6.5.

b. Use of sources;

See the CM at 2.5, 2.9 and 6.5.

c. Use of private detectives;

There is no relevant material save for the CM at 5.22.

d. Checking of sources;

See the CM at 2.2.

e. Payment of sources;

See the CM at 3.4, 7.3, 8.27 and 8.28, and the ABP.

f. Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000;

See the CM at 5.25.

g. Data Protection Act 1998;

See the CM at 5.22 and 5.25 and the SH at 21.

h. Computer Misuse Act 1990;

See the CAUP.

i. Editorial policy (limited to matters within the scope of the inquiry);

See the CM's Introduction and the SH's Introduction.

j. Oversight of editorial policy (limited to matters within the scope of the inquiry);

There is no such document.

k. Editorial guidance (limited to matters within the scope of the inquiry);

See the CM's Introduction and 1.14.

l. Editorial decision making (limited to matters within the scope of the inquiry);

See the CM's Introduction and 1.14.

m. Compliance (limited to matters within the scope of the inquiry);

See the CM.

n. Risk register (limited to matters within the scope of the inquiry);

There is no such document.

o. Internal Inquiries into phone hacking and/or computer hacking and/or "blagging" and/or bribery and/or corruption.

There have not been any such inquiries. After receipt of the letters from the Inquiry, ITN has made proportionate checks to respond to it.

- b) **Any past training materials, guidance, practices, codes of practice, code of conduct, handbooks or policies on, or bearing upon, any of the following (you need not go back before 1 January 2005):**

The CM and CAUP pre-date 1 January 2005, so the above references to sections of the CM and CAUP should be repeated in relation to the relevant sections below.

There were no previous versions of the C4PBP or ITVPBP , although those protocols may have been implemented in identical form before the contracts with ITV and Channel 4 (from which the C4PBP and ITVPBP are extracted) were signed.

Otherwise, the relevant materials are: the 2005 edition of the Staff Handbook ("SH05"), at JH8; and previous Ofcom regulatory codes and guidance, which should be available from the Ofcom website (<http://www.ofcom.org.uk/>).

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There is no such document.

o. Internal Inquiries into phone hacking and/or computer hacking and/or "blagging" and/or bribery and/or corruption.

There have not been any such inquiries.

- c) **Any disciplinary action taken by or on behalf of ITN in the period 1 January 2005 to the date of this notice to enforce ITN's ethical and/or professional standards in relation to journalism and/or editing and/or uses of sources of information.**

ITN's Human Resources Department has confirmed to me that no such action has had to be taken within the Terms of Reference of the Inquiry, and so there are no documents relevant to such action.

- d) **Any documents recording or relating to fees or expenses paid to private investigators, police, public officials, mobile phone companies or others with access to the same (you may exclude official sources such as the Associated Press but must state which official sources you are excluding) in the period from 1 January 2005 up to the date of this notice.**

As is set out in more detail in the witness statements of my colleagues David Mannion and Jim Gray there are few examples of occasions on which payments have been made to private investigators, and no instances of improper payments being made.

As regards those payments that were made, to Private Investigators, I attach the invoices at JH9.

- e) **Any documents recording or relating to the payment of bonuses or other performance incentives to editors, sub-editors or journalists and/or the qualifying requirement/s for such payments.**

I assume in respect of this request that only documents from the period between 1 January 2005 to the date of the Letter are relevant.

In respect of bonuses for journalists, this is referred to in the witness statement of David Mannion.

- f) ***Any minutes of board meetings at which matters within the scope of this inquiry were discussed in the period from 1 January 2005 up to the date of this notice.***

There are no such minutes.

I updated the board on 27 July 2011 about the Leveson Inquiry and its scope.

- 3. Please note that, although ITN has assisted the Inquiry and will continue to do so, it is not prepared to waive legal privilege and nothing in this written statement or those of my colleagues or in the attached documents should be read as having or intending that effect.
- 4. Further, as is set out in Charles Russell's covering letter to ITN's statements to the Inquiry, the documents supplied by ITN are commercially sensitive and so are private and confidential.

Signed:
John Hardie

Dated:

