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[Redacted] Head of Olympics and Sport Branch | Education, Children and Culture  
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**Sent:** 28 January 2011 13:58  
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**Cc:** CST, Action; Patel, Kunal  
**Subject:** [UNCLASSIFIED] dinner with Jeremy Hunt on Monday

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Proposed BSkyB - News Corp merger

The DCMS SoS is currently considering the public interest in a proposed merger of BSkyB with News Corporation, in line with obligations under the Enterprise Act. The SoS has stated that he is minded to accept Ofcom's conclusions that he should refer the merger to the Competition Commission. The SoS has, however, indicated that he will consider any "undertakings in lieu" offered by the merging in parties to address the potential impact on media plurality.

We do not recommend raising this issue, since the decision is a quasi-judicial process, which is not subject to collective decision making procedures.

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**From:** [Redacted] HMT  
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All,  
  
Just to let you know, following feedback from Private Office, that the issues we briefed CST on for the dinner were not discussed, but they thanked us for the briefing.

Thanks.  
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In addition to the brief below colleagues have been in touch to say that it might be worth mentioning that DCMS are jointly leading (with BIS) the workstream on Digital and Creative Industries as part of the Growth Review.

A key element of this will be DCMS plans to bring forward deregulatory proposals for a future Communications Act (which is a DCMS business plan commitment). It would be helpful for the CST to encourage the DCMS SoS to be bold in this area (given that most of what we have seen from DCMS, e.g. on local television, is for increased regulation).

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