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Dear Mr Richards

I am writing to you concerning the proposed acquisition of BSkyB by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation.

The Secretary of State for Culture has stated that Ofcom had advised him that undertakings in lieu offered by News Corporation would address the plurality concerns that you had in your report of 31 December 2010.

But I understand that in Ofcom's remit, one of its main legal duties is to protect people from having their privacy invaded.

The Secretary of State has said he will consult you again before the BSkyB consultation ends on July 8th and will make a further statement to parliament.

In the light of recent admissions from Murdoch's News International that his News of the World paper illegally hacked people's phones and the allegation in the Guardian that they may also have accessed Milly Dowler's mobile, I ask you as a matter of urgency to review this bid.

Since the Secretary of State has said that he can only stop a takeover on the issue of plurality and competition, will you use your legal duties to assess whether Rupert Murdoch and News Corporation are fit and proper people to have outright ownership of BSkyB.