



From the Chairman

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Jean Simon,

Your report of yesterday's Select Committee inquiry is riddled with errors.

You attribute to me the view that Kate Middleton was "fair game" for the paparazzi and they were entitled to "pursue her in nightclubs". I said no such thing.

A reading of the transcript shows that, in answer to a question, I was making the commonsense distinction between Ms Middleton's being photographed outside a nightclub frequented by celebrities and photographers; and her being hounded by paparazzi outside her home when she was trying to go to work.

Your report alleges that I said that the "PCC Board would meet to discuss amendments to its code in the light of the Goodman case." This is wrong twice over. I said that the Editors' Code Committee would be meeting soon to discuss, among other things, the possible amendment of the code in light of the Information Commissioner's representations over the Data Protection Act. Goodman was not sentenced under the DPA.

Finally, though it is of course the Information Commissioner's business, I never heard him assert that reporters other than Goodman had dealings with Mr Mulcaire.

*Yours ever,
Christopher*

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