

RE: Intelligence on process

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I had a private conversation with a DCMS Minister last week who, as you would expect, stuck to the line. However, the interesting point he made on the legal advice to the SoS was that the Government solicitor takes the view that this new process makes it harder in the long run for either News or other interested parties to bring proceedings against the Government. By giving News this opportunity it makes it (in their view) near impossible for them to find grounds for complaint should it not go their way in the end. Whatever Jeremy ends up with his paranoia is not to leave himself open to legal questions.

From: Sarah Davis [<mailto:sarah.davis@guardian.co.uk>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2011 08:42 AM

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Subject: Re: Hunt Statement

Thank you Jordan

Disappointingly the responses of the Treasury Solicitor and Ofcom do not shed any further light on the process as you say.

Sarah

On 1 February 2011 13:35, Ellison, Jordan <Jordan.Ellison@slaughterandmay.com> wrote:
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Dear all

Please see attached responses received today from DCMS and OFCOM. Neither provides any further detail on the process.

Best regards

Jordan

From: Ellison, Jordan

Sent: 27 January 2011 18:00

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Dear all

Please see attached the letters as sent to OFCOM, OFT and the SoS this afternoon.

We are making follow-up phone calls to OFCOM and OFT.

Best regards

Jordan

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From: Field, Sarah
Sent: 20 January 2011 14:31
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Please see attached pdf of the final version of the letter.

Kind regards,

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Pages 4 to 12 of the email chain are redacted.