PCC Submission to the Select Committee

The Chairman and Director of the Press Complaints Commission, Sir Christopher Meyer and Tim Toulmin, have today appeared before the Select Committee on Culture, Media and Sport. The Committee is investigating privacy and the press, as well as the regulation of online information. The oral evidence session followed the submission by the PCC of a dossier of information outlining the large range of PCC activity aimed at protecting individuals' privacy. This includes: negotiating a wide range of remedies through the process of conciliation; setting the boundaries of where the public and private spheres meet, through the publication of formal adjudications; educating existing and trainee journalists about the Code; operating a 24 hour helpline aimed at the prevention of harassment; intervening to offer assistance at times of emergency or tragedy; giving pre-publication guidance to editors and members of the public to stop intrusions occurring and so on.

To read the submission, which includes a brief executive summary click here

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