Full Fact Submissions: Leveson Inquiry Module 1

- 1. My name is Will Moy and I provide this statement in my capacity as Director of Full Fact,
- 2. Full Fact is an organisation which seeks to promote the availability of trustworthy information for public debate. We are a not-for-profit company, constituted as a charity and are in the process of applying for charitable status.
- 3. Full Fact has provided the following five submissions to the Inquiry in relation to Module 1, which are exhibited to this statement as FF1–FF5. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief the facts contained in these submissions are true:
 - (i) FF1, Initial submission (prior to the Inquiry seminars), entitled 'Full Fact Submission on Regulatory Approaches and User Experience'.
 - (ii) FF2, Examples submission, entitled 'Full Fact Submission to the Leveson Inquiry'. This gives examples of inaccuracies we have found through our factchecking work and our experiences of trying to get some of them corrected. We believe they are sufficient to show that there is a widespread and serious problem with basic accuracy in the press.
 - (iii) FF3, 'Full Fact Response to the 12 Key Questions on Module 1'.
 - (iv) FF4, 'Full Fact discussion of the internet and the Inquiry'.
 - (v) FF5, 'Full Fact Churnalism Corrections Correspondence' provided in response to a question addressed to Chris Atkins as to whether anyone had made complaints about coverage of his churnalism stunt.

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed William Moy

Date 2 Feb 2012