



Culture, Media and Sport Committee

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Dear Assistant Commissioner Yates,

Thank you for the assistance you have given so far in relation to the Culture, Media and Sport Committee's inquiry into Press standards, privacy and libel.

The Committee is now keen to bring this matter to a close. To assist us in doing so we have agreed to ask you for a number of specific further pieces of information following on from your oral and written evidence to us. For ease these are listed as follows:

1. I would be grateful if you would confirm who has been contacted by the Metropolitan Police as a result of the *Guardian* articles (Questions 1985-88 of 2 September refer).
2. Please would you provide a copy of all statements issued by the Metropolitan Police on this matter following the *Guardian's* article.
3. In evidence to us on 21 July Tom Crone, Legal Manager of News Group Newspapers, told us that:

"The police raided Mulcaire's premises; they raided Goodman's premises; and they raided the News of the World offices. They seized every available document; they searched all the computers, the files, the emails et cetera". (Q 1339)

We were also told during that session, by Colin Myler, that Glenn Mulcaire had a "vast database of contact numbers in the sport and show business world" (Q 1420). Please would you confirm whether any such database was found during your searches.

4. In written evidence to us you said that the investigating police:

"[...] led on informing anyone who they believed fell into the category of Government, Military, Police or Royal Household, if we had reason to believe that the suspects had attempted to ring their voicemail". (para 15, PS 114).

How many suspected victims were contacted in each of the four categories listed above and how many additional people since the police statements of 9 and 10 July?

The submission goes on to state that the police contacted individual phone companies about other suspected victims. How many names and/or numbers were passed on for assessment in this way?

5. Specifically we would be grateful for confirmation as to when the police contacted Tessa Jowell MP, who was named in the *Guardian* as a victim of Mulcaire.
6. Further to your and Mr Williams' answers to Questions 1938, 1989 and 1990 please clarify what the range of material was that the police sought and what answers you received from the lawyers representing the *News of the World*.
7. A number of references were made on 2 September to material collected by the police as part of your investigation. We would be grateful for:
 - a. a log of that material and in particular information on the material which you described to us as "sensitive, unused material" (Question 1892).
 - b. a log of the tape recordings of Mulcaire and to whom he was speaking, and a transcript of any conversation with someone called Ryan.
 - c. further information as to how and why you have reason to believe the princes' phones had been directly accessed; whether this was disclosed to the *News of the World* during the investigation; and why no prosecutions were pursued in this respect.
 - d. a log of the evidence supplied to Gordon Taylor in his civil action.
8. You provided to us a schedule of intercepts which showed "potential intercepts" by both Clive Goodman and Glenn Mulcaire on Helen Asprey from February 2005. Please clarify the evidence that you have in relation to this, and why the charge period was shortened from January 2005 - August 2006 to start instead from November 2005.

Thank you for your continued co-operation with our inquiry. It would be extremely helpful to us to have your response to these questions as soon as possible, and not later than Wednesday 4 November.

Yours sincerely

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CHAIRMAN**