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Dear Mr Stephens,

Thank you for your letter of 27 April, but I do not feel that you have answered the questions I put to you in my letter of 26 April.

First, you did not answer my question as to whether you approved Adam Smith's role as a contact point with News Corporation in advance, or whether you simply agreed after finding out what was happening. Did you give prior authorisation to Adam Smith being a contact with News Corporation, or did you acquiesce subsequent to finding out it was going on? I'd be grateful if you would now answer this question, and if not, explain why you are not prepared to answer it.

Second, you have not published the 'clear requirements' you and the Secretary of State set out for Adam Smith to follow in his contacts with News Corporation. In the statement issued by the Department for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport on his behalf on 25 April, Adam Smith said he had acted 'contrary' to these 'clear requirements'; a statement issued by the Department on 26 April said the content and extent of the contact between Adam Smith was 'contrary to the clear requirements'; and your reply to me of 27 April reiterated that Adam Smith had acted 'contrary to the clear requirements set out by both myself and the Secretary of State'.

The Secretary of State has referred extensively in the House to the processes which you agreed. I would be grateful if you would now publish these 'clear requirements', and if not, explain why you are not prepared to publish them.

A number of further questions have also arisen.

Third, what arrangements, if any, were there for supervising Adam Smith's compliance with these 'clear requirements'?

Fourth, according to an email from Frederic Michel to James Murdoch, sent at 11.32am on 15 November 2010 and released by the Leveson Inquiry on 24 April 2012, Jeremy Hunt 'received very

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