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Dear Mr. Donnelly,

You will no doubt be aware of concern in the House of Commons about how the Department for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport handled the News Corporation bid for BSkyB, and in particular, the arrangements for contact between the DCMS and News Corporation.

Because the decision on the bid was the responsibility of your Department before the Prime Minister transferred responsibility for the quasi-judicial process to the DCMS in December 2010, I would be grateful if you could answer the following questions:

- Did you make specific arrangements for contact between your Department and News Corporation, and if so, what were these arrangements?
- If the arrangements were in writing, will you publish them?
- Specifically, did the arrangements include provision for any Special Adviser to be a contact point during the process of the bid?
- If there were specific arrangements, how was compliance with these arrangements supervised?

Yours sincerely,

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