

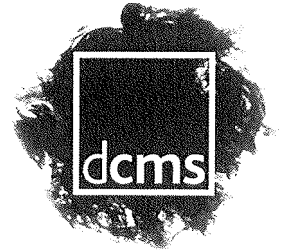
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Dear Harriet,

Thank you for your letters of 26, 27 April and 3 May 2012.

I am afraid that I do not share your view of what is and is not appropriate in relation to the release of this information.

As the Prime Minister reiterated last week, Lord Justice Leveson's Inquiry, where I will be giving oral evidence later this month, and from which the evidence from Mr Murdoch first arose, is a rigorous process and is the correct forum in which my evidence should be examined.

I will be giving evidence under oath and under cross-examination by a Barrister at the Inquiry, and it is the Prime Minister's view that it would not be right to commission any parallel process to establish the facts before Lord Justice Leveson has had an opportunity to hear the evidence in the round. I share this view.

On that basis, at this time I do not intend to release any information, or provide any parallel account of the course of events which took place in relation to the BSkyB bid, other than the full and comprehensive evidence I have submitted to the Inquiry.

Whilst it is a matter for the Lord Justice Leveson to decide what is published in relation to his Inquiry, I anticipate that as much evidence as possible will be published and placed in the public domain. At this point it will become available for all to see.

I believe this to be the proper order of events, and I look forward to putting the record straight at my scheduled appearance.

Yours ever



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