

**PRESS COMPLAINTS COMMISSION**

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*Dear Chris,*

Thank you for your letter of 11<sup>th</sup> July.

I am replying on behalf of the Press Complaints Commission's Phone Hacking Review Committee.

You have asked about who responded from News International to the Press Complaints Commission, when it was preparing its reports in 2007 and 2009.

It is a matter of record that the 2007 report followed correspondence between the then Director of the PCC and the Editor of the News of the World, Colin Myler. The report itself makes clear that "the Chairman of the Commission also discussed the matter on a number of occasions with the Chief Executive of News International, Mr Les Hinton".

The 2009 report followed correspondence with Mr Myler, which is quoted at length in the report itself.

One of the functions of our Review is to establish the full background to the PCC being misinformed about the scale of the practice of phone hacking at the News of the World. The Review shall endeavour to establish who knew what at the time of the two reports. We are not currently in a position to determine this, given the ongoing police investigation. Once the Review Committee issues its own findings, we will make them available to you.

As you know, the Review Committee is happy to meet up with you to discuss any aspect of this further. I hope the above is useful.

With kind regards.

*Yours*



**Stephen Abell**

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