

Fw: NEWS CORP/BSKYB MERGER

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From: BRAND STUART [<mailto:Stuart.Brand@Culture.gsi.gov.uk>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 06:23 AM

To: McLeod, Jonathan (LDN-WSW)

Subject: RE: NEWS CORP/BSKYB MERGER

Morning (sorry, afternoon)!

I have seen the reports. The Secretary of State will publish Ofcom's report with commercially sensitive information redacted in due course and no later than at the time of his decision on a referral. He is committed to reaching a decision in a fair and even-handed way but, as you will appreciate, it is not possible for him or us to comment on every stage of the process.

Stuart

From: McLeod, Jonathan (LDN-WSW) [<mailto:JMcleod@webershandwick.com>]

Sent: 11 January 2011 08:17

To: BRAND STUART

Subject: Re: NEWS CORP/BSKYB MERGER

Morning Stuart

It is reported in the FT and the Guardian that News Corporation have admitted to having a copy of the Ofcom report, and that they are discussing it with the Department.

I have been asked by my clients to request a copy of the same report on the same terms.

Our clients solicitors, Slaughter and May, can take service of the document.

Regards

Jon

From: BRAND STUART [<mailto:Stuart.Brand@Culture.gsi.gov.uk>]

Sent: Monday, January 10, 2011 11:07 AM
To: McLeod, Jonathan (LDN-WSW)
Subject: RE: NEWS CORP/BSKYB MERGER

Jon,

Thanks for this offer. We will certainly be in touch with you if further representations from your clients are needed.

Stuart

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From: McLeod, Jonathan (LDN-WSW) [<mailto:JMcleod@webershandwick.com>]
Sent: 10 January 2011 14:35
To: BRAND STUART
Subject: Re: NEWS CORP/BSKYB MERGER

Thanks Stuart.

I've seen the following (see below) from the Select Committee today. If News Corp are discussing remedies or similar with DCMS, I am certain that my clients would expect to be invited into the department to ensure that the arguments to the effect that remedies would not be effective are fully presented to provide proper context for any assurances being given by News Corp. I note that our earlier meeting was cancelled. Perhaps you could let me know when we might come in to discuss this.

Regards

Jon

From: "Culture, Media & Sport Committee" <CMSCOM@parliament.uk> Date: 10 January 2011 12:21:51 GMT
To: "Culture, Media & Sport Committee" <CMSCOM@parliament.uk> Subject: Cancellation of News Corp Committee briefing Wednesday 12 January
To all Members of the Committee News Corporation have informed us that they are now unable to brief the Committee on Wednesday because they expect to be fully engaged with the Ofcom Report and with confidential discussions with DCMS. There will, therefore, be no Committee meeting on Wednesday. Thursday's meeting with a coalition of media groups is still taking place. Keely Bishop
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From: BRAND STUART [<mailto:Stuart.Brand@Culture.qsi.gov.uk>]
Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2011 09:49 AM
To: McLeod, Jonathan (LDN-WSW)

Subject: NEWS CORP/BSKYB MERGER

Dear Jon,

Good to speak to you. I have spoken to my lawyers and can confirm that the SoS is studying the report at the moment and is not at present seeking representations from parties opposed to the merger, but he is aware of all the representations made to the SoS BIS and to Ofcom

Best wishes,

Stuart

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