

**Press Complaints Commission thanks Baroness Buscombe for her major contribution**

The Press Complaints Commission has today responded to the news of Baroness Buscombe's decision to leave in advance of the end of her three-year term of office.

The Commission, which has a majority of members unconnected to the newspaper and magazine industry, said:

"We are grateful to Peta for making this announcement today, which will help to ensure that her successor is in a position to assist and support the Inquiry of LJ Leveson. We are grateful that she will stay on as Chairman in the interim, as the PCC not only continues to serve the public in handling complaints, but begins the process of formulating improvements to the system of press regulation. Peta has made a major contribution to the PCC, and her work has led to many improvements over the last couple of years. She leaves the Commission structurally stronger than when she came in, and in a better position to continue its evolution.

We thank her for all that she has achieved thus far as our Chairman, and wish her all the very best for her future once she has handed over to her successor."

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Notes to editors:

1. To read Baroness Buscombe's statement, please click [here](#).
2. The Press Complaints Commission is an independently-run body which enforces the terms of the Editors' Code of Practice. It has a Board of 17 members -10 members of the public (including the Chairman) and seven editors.
3. The Press Standards Board of Finance (PressBoF) is responsible for the appointment of a new Chairman, and will be putting in place a recruitment process straightaway. The post will be openly advertised and take place in line with the public appointments procedure, including independent assessment of the process and consultation with the Commission. The PressBoF Board comprises senior newspaper and magazine industry executives. It will be responding separately to Baroness Buscombe's statement.
4. For more information, please contact Catherine Speller on 020 7831 0022 or 07977 573 321.

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