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The Culture, Media and Sport Committee

The Culture, Media and Sport Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and its associated public bodies.

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Helen Southworth MP (*Labour, Warrington South*)

Powers

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Publications

The Reports and evidence of the Committee are published by The Stationery Office by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee (including press notices) are on the Internet at

<http://www.parliament.uk/cmscom>

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1 Introduction

1. This Report reviews the work of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee in the Parliamentary Session 2008–09.¹

2. Departmental Select Committees scrutinise the expenditure, administration and policy of the department to which they relate. Our Committee monitors the policy, administration and expenditure of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and its associated public bodies, including the BBC. It also conducts inquiries into areas of current interest within its remit, such as the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the UK's cultural heritage and developments in new media and broadcasting.

3. The Committee chooses its own subjects of inquiry and seeks written and oral evidence from a wide range of relevant groups and individuals. At the end of an inquiry the Committee will usually produce a report setting out its findings and make recommendations to the Government. The Government must respond to each of the report's recommendations within two months of publication. All of the reports and evidence published by the Committee can be found on the Parliamentary website at <http://www.parliament.uk/cmscom>. Other documents, including the Committee's Formal Minutes, can also be found there.

4. During the 2008–09 Session the Committee has published seven reports and held 39 formal meetings; at 25 of those meetings it heard oral evidence. Over the course of the session the Committee has undertaken two overseas visits: to Washington DC, Albany and New York, for its inquiry into *Press Standards, Privacy and Libel*; and to Barcelona, primarily to support our ongoing scrutiny of the preparations for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. We have also made a number of UK visits. A detailed list of visits undertaken by the Committee is contained in Annex B to this Report.

2 Overview of Committee work

5. Our work during the 2008–09 Session has been largely taken up by two inquiries which relate to the performance, role and future of the media. Our inquiry into *Press Standards, Privacy and Libel* has so far involved 15 oral evidence sessions, one of which was held in private. We have also received over 150 written submissions to the inquiry. We have taken evidence on *The Future for Local and Regional Media* on five occasions, and received more than 50 written submissions to the inquiry. These subject areas also accounted for 7 visits made by the Committee.² The terms of reference for both inquiries can be found on our website. The Committee hopes to produce reports on these topics in early 2010.

6. During the last session the Committee continued its practice of holding oral evidence sessions to scrutinise the annual reports and accounts of the Department for Culture,

1 The 2008–09 Session ran from 3 December 2008 to 12 November 2009.

2 Two overseas; five UK.

Media and Sport, the BBC, and Channel 4. The Committee has an ongoing inquiry into preparations for the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. In 2008–09 we did not publish a specific report on this topic, but we maintained our scrutiny of progress towards successfully staging the Games through a number of private briefing sessions and in an oral evidence session to consider the lessons learned from the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

7. At the beginning of the session we held, together with the Business and Enterprise Committee,³ a pre-appointment hearing with the Chairman-elect of Ofcom, Dr Colette Bowe. We very much welcomed the opportunity to hold such a hearing. However, we repeat the concern expressed in our report of our work in the 2007–08 Session that the Government is not applying consistently the principles set out in *The Governance of Britain*⁴ for determining which posts should be subject to the pre-appointment hearing procedure. **The Committee continues to be of the view that the position of Chairman of the BBC Trust should also be subject to pre-appointment scrutiny and we again urge the Government to reconsider this matter.**

Public engagement

8. As part of its inquiry into *The Future for Local and Regional Media*, the Committee agreed to hold an open public meeting in York to hear first-hand the importance of regional media to local communities. It was the first time the Committee had held such an informal meeting with the public as part of an inquiry, and we would like to thank the over 100 people who attended and shared their views with us.

Working practices of the Committee

9. During the session we also published a Special Report *Unauthorised Disclosure of Heads of Report*. Although working practices vary from committee to committee, the process which committees follow to agree a draft Report is designed to ensure it remains confidential until the agreed publication time. Our Report to the House highlighted our concern at the leak of the Heads of Report prepared for our inquiry into *BBC Commercial Operations*, material from which appeared online on the website of the *Guardian* newspaper. As a result of our Special Report, the matter was placed before the Standards and Privileges Committee. Following the report of that Committee,⁵ stricter procedures have been introduced for handling draft reports, which have been adopted by all select committees.

3 Now the Business, Innovation and Skills Committee

4 Ministry of Justice, *The Governance of Britain*, Cm 7170, July 2007

5 Standards and Privileges Committee, Seventh Report of Session 2008–09, *Unauthorised Disclosure of Heads of Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee*, HC 501

3 Meeting the core tasks of select committees

Introduction

10. All select committees are guided in their work by a set of common objectives (core tasks) agreed by the Liaison Committee in order to encourage a common approach to the business of scrutiny. These core tasks are:

<p>A: To examine and comment on the policy of the department.</p>	<p>C: To examine the administration of the department.</p>
<p>1. To examine policy proposals from the UK Government and the European Commission in Green Papers, White Papers, draft Guidance etc, and to inquire further where the Committee considers it appropriate.</p>	<p>6. To examine the department's Public Service Agreements, the associated targets and the statistical measurements employed, and report if appropriate.</p>
<p>2. To identify and examine areas of emerging policy, or where existing policy is deficient, and make proposals.</p>	<p>7. To monitor the work of the department's Executive Agencies, NDPBs, regulators and other associated public bodies.</p>
<p>3. To conduct scrutiny of any published draft bill within the Committee's responsibilities.</p>	<p>8. To scrutinise major appointments made by the department.</p>
<p>4. To examine specific output from the department expressed in documents or other decisions.</p>	<p>9. To examine the implementation of legislation and major policy initiatives.</p>
<p>B: To examine the expenditure of the department.</p>	<p>D: To assist the House in debate and decision.</p>
<p>5. To examine the expenditure plans and out-turn of the department, its agencies and principal NDPBs</p>	<p>10. To produce reports which are suitable for debate in the House, including Westminster Hall, or debating committees.</p>

11. The table in Annex A to this Report shows the relevance of the core tasks to our work during Session 2008–09.

Scrutiny of policy

The Licensing Act 2003

12. Our inquiry into the impact of the Licensing Act 2003 show the benefits of Committees conducting post-legislative scrutiny. The Act, which has been in force since 24 November 2005, established a single integrated scheme for licensing premises which are used for the supply of alcohol or to provide regulated entertainment. In March 2008, the Government published the findings of an evaluation of the impact of the Act, which concluded that “This first review of the Licensing Act reveals a mixed picture”.⁶ In order to understand the reasons for this “mixed picture” the Committee agreed to undertake its own post-legislative scrutiny of the Act, announcing its plans for an inquiry on 18 July 2008. Though much of the inquiry was conducted in the 2007–08 Session we reported our conclusions and recommendations in May 2009.

13. We concluded that broadly speaking the Act had been a success. Bringing together a number of different regimes into one licence had simplified the licensing system, there was a greater diversity of premises on the high street and the Act had encouraged and led to the successful development of partnership working between licensees, licensing authorities and others such as the police and fire service. However we also found that the licensing process was still too bureaucratic and costly. This was especially so for non-commercial groups such as sporting and not-for-profit clubs and community groups who organised occasional events. We also expressed particular concern that the Act was hampering the performance of live music, especially that of young musicians. We made a number of recommendations of ways in which both the Act and its supporting guidance could be improved.

14. We were disappointed that while the Government’s response to our Report noted the “practical and helpful” nature of our recommendations⁷ it did not in the main include practical steps to implement them. The Committee secured a debate on the Report in Westminster Hall on 22 October 2009 to allow us and other interested Members to discuss this with the Minister. We welcome the announcement made by the Minister at that debate that there would be a consultation on allowing venues with a capacity of up to 100 to put on live music performances without the need for a licence, although we note that the consultation is yet to be launched. We also note the current DCMS consultation proposing a number of ways to simplify the Act.

BBC Commercial Operations

15. In Session 2008–09 in addition to our annual scrutiny of the work and accounts of the BBC we undertook an inquiry into the BBC’s commercial activities. In recent years these activities have undergone a marked expansion, with the Corporation seeking both to maximise income from traditional sources and diversify into other areas. Our inquiry *BBC Commercial Operations* was a timely investigation into the implications for the media industry and general public of the scope and value of the BBC’s commercial activities.

6 Evaluation of the impact of the Licensing Act, p7

7 Government Response to the House of Commons Culture, Media and Sport Committee Report on the *Licensing Act 2003*, Session 2008–09, July 2009, Cm 7684

16. While there are major benefits from the BBC undertaking commercial activities there also needs to be a balance drawn between generating a return to the BBC and preventing damage to its commercial competitors. The BBC's commercial obligations are governed by a set of requirements set out in the BBC's agreement with the Secretary of State. These requirements are designed to guard against the possibility that the BBC's reputation could be damaged or markets could be unfairly distorted by its presence. We considered the benefits and risks of the BBC undertaking commercial activities and the extent to which its activities were in line with the criteria required of them.

17. We concluded that the balance had tipped too far in favour of the BBC and we called on it to rein in its commercial operations. Although we believed that the BBC should continue to reduce pressure on licence fee payers by obtaining maximum value from its brand and assets, we concluded that the BBC should not undertake commercial activity when there is no clear link to BBC programming.

18. We also examined the appropriateness and effectiveness of the governance framework for the BBC's commercial activities. We concluded that the BBC Trust should have a greater say in the BBC's commercial decisions, and that the £50m threshold for referral of a commercial transaction to the Trust was set far too high and should be reduced. We also raised particular concerns about the Chief Executive of BBC Worldwide being on the BBC's Executive Board.

19. We received a response from the BBC to our Report in July 2009, which we published, with comment, in our Seventh Report. We were disappointed that the BBC Trust had failed to respond to a number of our recommendations, particularly since the BBC receives significant public funding and should therefore expect to be held to account. Immediately following the publication of our Seventh Report the BBC Trust announced changes to the governance arrangements of BBC Worldwide, implementing our recommendations on Board membership and the threshold level. In making this announcement the Trust chose not to acknowledge the role that the Committee played.

20. Since then the BBC Trust has announced further changes to the remit of BBC Worldwide. In particular, there will be no more mergers or acquisitions unless there are exceptional circumstances as well as divestment over time from non-BBC branded international channels and from any activity not in keeping with the BBC brand. In addition, the arrangement by which BBC Worldwide has "first look" at rights for all BBC programming is to be made more transparent with greater market testing. This tightening of the remit goes some way towards implementing the Committee's original recommendations and we welcome these changes as well as the acknowledgement of the Committee's role in the Trust's announcement.

Press standards, privacy and libel

21. The Committee announced its inquiry into *Press Standards, Privacy and Libel* in November 2008. The inquiry has looked at issues such as: the operation of the self-regulatory regime; the interaction between the operation and effect of UK libel laws; and the balance between press freedom and personal privacy. We have been particularly concerned at evidence we have received about the impact of Conditional Fee Arrangements on freedom of expression and libel tourism.

22. We had concluded oral evidence when allegations appeared in the *Guardian* newspaper on 8 July 2009 that News Group, the division of News International to which the *News of the World* newspaper belongs, had paid £1m in damages and costs after its journalists were accused of involvement in the phone tapping of numerous public figures including Government ministers. We took these claims very seriously as they cast doubt on assurances we had been given during our 2007 inquiry *Privacy and media intrusion* that the phone hacking at *News of the World* had been limited to one ‘rogue reporter’, Clive Goodman. We reopened our inquiry and have so far held four further evidence sessions. We hope to conclude our programme of oral evidence and make a report of our conclusions and recommendations in early 2010.

The future for local and regional media

23. In March 2009 the Committee responded to growing concern as to the impact of the recession, the downturn in advertising revenues and structural changes within the media industry by launching an inquiry into *The Future for Local and Regional Media*. We drew our terms of reference widely, to allow us to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the challenges faced by local and regional newspapers, radio, television, and new media providers.

24. During the course of our seven evidence sessions we have considered a wide range of issues, including: the impact on local media of recent and future developments in digital convergence and media technology; changing consumer behaviour; the impact of newspaper closures on independent local journalism and access to local information; the future of local radio and television news; and the desirability of changes to the regulatory framework for print and electronic local media, including cross-media ownership and merger regulations. We expect to report our conclusions in early 2010.

Scrutiny of expenditure and administration of the department

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport

25. The Committee continues to scrutinise the Department on its performance against its Public Service Agreement targets as well as on its expenditure, administration and policy. We were assisted in this task by the National Audit Office, The House of Commons Library and the House of Commons Scrutiny Unit who provided informative briefing notes to the Committee ahead of its annual oral evidence session with the Secretary of State on his responsibilities and the Departmental Annual Report and Accounts.

Sponsored bodies

26. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has responsibility for 61 public bodies, including three public corporations, two public broadcasting authorities, one executive agency and 55 non-departmental public bodies. The Committee discussed the work of a number of these bodies, including the Arts Council, Sport England and English Heritage, as part of its annual session with the Secretary of State.

27. The DCMS-sponsored public body with arguably the most public prominence is the BBC, and the Committee receives regular correspondence from the public on its work. It is therefore no surprise that holding the BBC to account is high on the Committee's agenda. In addition to conducting its inquiry into the commercial activities of the BBC the Committee as usual held an oral evidence to discuss the BBC Annual Report. The Committee also, for a second time, held an evidence session with Channel 4 on its Annual Report.

London 2012 Olympics

28. Although we did not publish a specific Report during 2008–09 the Committee has continued its scrutiny of the progress being made towards staging a successful and cost-effective Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012. Our regular private briefings keep the Committee in touch with developments and our public oral evidence sessions serve to maintain public accountability in the build-up to the Games.

29. We have had a particular focus on Olympic finances in 2008–09. At our evidence session in December 2008 the Olympics Minister, Tessa Jowell, warned that the current financial climate meant it would be very difficult to collect the finances pledged to the Games by the private sector. John Armitt, the Chairman of the Olympic Delivery Authority told us that they had been forced to take £95million from the £1billion contingency fund to ensure building work on the Olympic village remained on schedule, and that a further drawdown on contingency might be necessary. We returned to this topic and others at our evidence session with the Minister and John Armitt on 15 December 2009, as we continue our scrutiny of this area as 2012 moves closer.

4 Future work of the Committee

30. In the 2009–10 Session we plan to conclude our inquiries into *Press Standards, Privacy and Libel* and *The Future for Local and Regional Media*, and report to the House our conclusions and recommendations.

31. In addition we have announced a new inquiry as part of our ongoing scrutiny of the 2012 Olympics, on the topic of Olympics legacy.⁸ Our inquiry will cover all aspects of legacy: sporting, cultural and physical. It will focus on progress made so far and future plans for delivering a lasting legacy of social, physical and economic regeneration, and undertaking that was at the heart of the London 2012 bid, and should have been integral to the design of the Olympic Park and venues.

8 "Committee issues a call for evidence on Olympics Legacy", Culture, Media and Sport Committee Press Notices 2009–10, www.parliament.uk/cmscom

Annex A

Liaison Committee core tasks relevant to inquiries undertaken by the Culture, Media and Sport Committee in 2008–09

Inquiry	Core task	Policy proposals	Emergent/deficient policy	Draft legislation	Departmental output	Public expenditure	Public Service Agreement	Agencies and NDPBs	Major appointments	Implementation of Legislation and policy	Debates in the House
BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2007–08						✓		✓			
BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2008–09						✓		✓			
BBC Commercial Operations		✓	✓					✓			
BBC Commercial Operations: Further Report		✓	✓					✓			
Channel 4 Annual Report						✓		✓			
DCMS Annual Report and Accounts 2008–09 and Responsibilities of the Secretary of State		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
The future for local and regional media			✓					✓			
The Licensing Act 2003		✓	✓							✓	✓
London 2012 Games: Lessons from Beijing		✓				✓	✓	✓			
Pre-appointment hearing with the Chairman-elect of Ofcom, Dr Colette Bowe								✓	✓		
Press standards, privacy and libel			✓					✓			

Annex B

Culture, Media and Sport Committee Sessional Return 2008–09

For website access click on www.parliament.uk/cmscom

The Committee was nominated by the House of Commons on 13 July 2005.

Members	Meetings attended
Whittingdale, Mr John (Chairman)	39 out of 39*
Ainsworth, Peter (added 13.7.09)	10 out of 13
Anderson, Janet	28 out of 39*
Davies, Philip	31 out of 39*
Evans, Mr Nigel (discharged 13.7.09)	18 out of 26*
Farrelly, Paul	36 out of 39
Hall, Mr Mike	19 out of 39
Keen, Alan	23 out of 39
McKenna, Rosemary	18 out of 39
Price, Adam	17 out of 39*
Sanders, Mr Adrian	29 out of 39*
Southworth, Helen (discharged 13.7.09)	19 out of 26 *
Watson, Mr Tom (added 13.7.09)	11 out of 13
Overall Attendance:	68.5 %

*** Included a "joint" meeting held concurrently with the Business and Enterprise Committee.**

Total number of meetings:	39
Of which:	
Number of meetings at which oral evidence was taken	25
Number of times oral evidence was taken partly or wholly in private	1
Number of wholly private meetings	14
Number of concurrent meetings with other committees	1

Other activities

Informal meetings (including meetings with overseas visitors)	6
Conferences/Seminars hosted	1

Staff

Details of the permanent staff of the Committee during the Session can be found in the Committee's publications.

Specialist Advisers during the Session

Mr Brian Cathcart, Mr Ray Gallagher, Ms Sara John, Mr Bob Kindred MBE and Mr Martin Le Jeune.

Witnesses

Oral Evidence was given during the Session by the following categories of witnesses:

Number of appearances by:	
Cabinet Ministers	3
Other Ministers	3
Members of House of Lords	2
Number of appearances by officials from, or representatives of:	
Department for Culture, Media and Sport	2
Number of appearances by officials from or representatives of public bodies and non-Ministerial departments comprising:	
BBC	1
Channel 4	1
Information Commissioner's Office	1
Metropolitan Police Service	1
Olympic Delivery Authority	1
Appearances by other witnesses	59

Overseas Visits

Date	Destination	Members	Staff	Purpose	Cost
4-6.2.09	Barcelona	Whittingdale, Anderson, Evans, Farrelly, Hall, Keen, McKenna, Price, Sanders, Southworth	2	Inquiries into London 2012 Games; press standards, privacy and libel	£9,087.43
29.3-3.4.09	Washington DC, Albany and New York	Whittingdale, Anderson, Davies, Farrelly, Hall, Keen, Price, Sanders	2	Inquiry into press standards, privacy and libel	£41,459.01
4-5.9.09	Venice ^A	Whittingdale, Price	1	Venice Biennale of Art	£1,638.03

^A Travel in a representative capacity

Visits to European Institutions

None.

UK Visits

Date	Destination	Members	Staff	Purpose	Cost
16.12.08	Brit School, Croydon	Whittingdale, Anderson, Evans, McKenna	4	Familiarisation visit	£89.89
3.3.09	Olympic Park, London	Whittingdale, Hall	1	Inquiry into London 2012 Games	£25.80
4.3.09	Press Complaints Commission, London	Whittingdale, Anderson, Farrelly, Price	2	Inquiry into press standards, privacy and libel	£35.00
28.4.09	National Gallery, London	Whittingdale, Hall, Keen, Southworth	2	Meeting with the Director to discuss plans for the Gallery	Nil
1-2.7.09	Yorkshire	Whittingdale, Anderson, Davies, Farrelly, McKenna	3	Inquiry into the future for local and regional media	£3,235.39
28.7.09	Peterborough, Cambridgeshire ^A	Whittingdale	0	Musicians' Union Conference	£70.40
26.8.09	Information Commissioner's Office, Cheshire	Whittingdale	0	Inquiry into press standards, privacy and libel	£63.90
28-30.8.09	Edinburgh	Whittingdale, Anderson, Keen, Price, Watson	0	International conference on television and broadcasting	£5,128.24
13.10.09	Press Complaints Commission, London	Whittingdale, Ainsworth	2	Inquiry into press standards, privacy and libel	£48.33
11.11.09	Sunday Mirror, London	Whittingdale, Ainsworth, Watson	2	Inquiry into press standard, privacy and libel	£5.00

^A Travel in a representative capacity

Reports and Oral and Written Evidence

Title	HC No. (2008–09)	Date of publication	Government reply
First Report: <i>Pre-appointment hearing with the Chairman-elect of Ofcom, Dr Colette Bowe</i>	119	19.1.09	Not required
Second Report: <i>Work of the Committee 2007–08</i>	188	26.1.09	Not required
Third Report: <i>Channel 4 Annual Report</i>	189	28.1.09	Not required
Fourth Report: <i>BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2007–08</i>	190	28.1.09	Not required
Fifth Report: <i>BBC Commercial Operations</i>	24	7.4.09	Cm 7634, published 4.6.09
Sixth Report: <i>The Licensing Act 2003</i>	492	14.5.09	Cm 7684, published 14.7.09
Seventh Report: <i>BBC Commercial Operations: Further Report</i>	968	23.9.09	Not required
First Special Report: <i>Unauthorised Disclosure of Heads of Report</i>	333	13.3.09	Not applicable
Oral Evidence: <i>London 2012: Lessons from Beijing</i>	25-i	29.6.09	Not applicable
Uncorrected Oral Evidence published on the Internet: <i>Press standards, privacy and libel</i>	275-i-xv	22.9.09	Not applicable
Uncorrected Oral Evidence published on the Internet: <i>Channel 4 Annual Report 2008</i>	518-i	20.5.09	Not applicable
Uncorrected Oral Evidence published on the Internet: <i>The future for local and regional media</i>	699-i-v	17.11.09	Not applicable
Uncorrected Oral Evidence published on the Internet: <i>BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2008–09</i>	945-i	25.7.09	Not applicable
Uncorrected Oral Evidence published on the Internet: <i>Department for Culture, Media and Sport Annual Report and Accounts 2008–09 and Responsibilities of the Secretary of State</i>	1047	27.10.09	Not applicable
Written Evidence published on the internet: <i>Press standards, privacy and libel</i>		22.10.09	Not applicable
Written Evidence published on the internet: <i>The future for local and regional media</i>		12.11.09	Not applicable

Government replies to Reports for Session 2007–08

None.

Formal Minutes

The Formal Minutes of the Committee were published electronically after each meeting of the Committee. They are available on the Committee's website at <http://www.parliament.uk/cmscom>.

Divisions

None.

Debates

Committee reports were debated on 3 occasions in Westminster Hall. Further details can be found in the Committee's Sessional Report.

Number of oral evidence sessions for each inquiry during the Session

Inquiry	Number of oral evidence sessions
BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2008–09	1
BBC Commercial Operations	1
Channel 4 Annual Report 2008	1
DCMS Annual Report and Accounts 2008–09 and Responsibilities of the Secretary of State	1
London 2012 Games: Lessons from Beijing	1
Pre-appointment hearing for the Chairman-elect of Ofcom, Dr Colette Bowe	1
Press standards, privacy and libel	15
The future for local and regional media	4
Total	25

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 12 January 2010

Members present:

Mr John Whittingdale, in the Chair

Mr Peter Ainsworth

Philip Davies

Paul Farrelly

Mr Mike Hall

Adam Price

Adrian Sanders

Mr Tom Watson

Draft Report (*The work of the Committee in 2008–09*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Chairman's draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 31 read and agreed to.

Annexes agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the First Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 January at 10.15 am]

List of Reports from the Committee during the current Parliament

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Sixth Report The Licensing Act 2003 HC 492

Fifth Report BBC Commercial Operations HC 24

Fourth Report BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2007–08 HC 190

Third Report Channel 4 Annual Report HC 189

Second Report Work of the Committee 2007–08 HC 188

First Report Pre-appointment hearing with the Chairman-elect of Ofcom, Dr Colette Bowe HC 119

[First Joint Report with the Business and Enterprise Committee]

First Special Report Unauthorised Disclosure of Heads of Report HC 333

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Eleventh Report Draft Heritage Protection Bill HC 821

Tenth Report Harmful Content on the Internet and in Video Games HC 353 I, II

Ninth Report Draft Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill HC 693

Eighth Report Tourism HC 133 I, II

Seventh Report European Commission White Paper on Sport HC 347

Sixth Report London 2012 Games: the next lap HC 104 I, II

Fifth Report On-course horserace betting HC 37

Fourth Report BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2006–07 HC 235

Third Report Work of the Committee in 2007 HC 234

Second Report Ticket touting HC 202

First Report Public service content HC 36 I, II

Third Special Report European Commission White Paper on Sport: Government Response to the Committee's Seventh Report 2007–08 HC 1029

Second Special Report On course horserace betting: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report 2007–08 HC 549

First Special Report Public service content: Response from Ofcom to the Committee's First Report of Session 2007–08 HC 275

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Seventh Report Self-regulation of the press HC 375

Sixth Report Caring for our collections HC 176 I, II

Fifth Report New Media and the creative industries HC 509 I, II

Fourth Report Call TV quiz shows: Joint response from Ofcom and ICSTIS to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2006–07 HC 428

Third Report Call TV quiz shows HC 72

Second Report	London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games: funding and legacy	HC 69 I, II
First Report	Work of the Committee in 2006	HC 234
First Special Report	Self-regulation of the press: Replies to the Committee's Seventh Report of Session 2006–07	HC 1041

Session 2005–06

Fourth Report	Women's Football	HC 1357
Third Report	Preserving and Protecting our Heritage	HC 912 I, II, III
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First Report	Broadcasting Rights for Cricket	HC 720
Second Special Report	Women's Football: Replies to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2005–06	HC 1646
First Special Report	Maritime Heritage and Historic Ships: Replies to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2004–05	HC 358