

An Fhìor Urr Ailig Salmond BPA
Rt Hon Alex Salmond MSP
Am Prìomh Mhinistear
First Minister of Scotland

Taigh Naomh Anndrais, Rathad Regent, Dùn Èideann EH1 3DG
St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG
F/T: 0845 774 1741

Johann Lamont MSP
Leader of the Scottish Labour Party
Scottish Parliament
EDINBURGH
EH99 1SP



6 December 2012

Dear Johann

I was glad to meet you and other party leaders earlier today to discuss how we take forward the report by Lord Justice Leveson on *An Inquiry into the Culture, Practices and Ethics of the Press*.

I was encouraged that we reached near unanimous agreement on the establishment of an expert group to look at the implications of the report for Scots law and am hopeful that by tomorrow we will have full unanimity.

As discussed, we would value any suggestions that you have for membership of the group. So that we can maintain the pace of progress could I ask you to send any such suggestions by the end of Monday 10 December 2012 to this address or to e-mail them to First.Minister@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

Yours for Scotland,

ALEX SALMOND



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Ruth Davidson MSP
MSP for Glasgow Region

First Minister
St. Andrew's House
Regent Road,
Edinburgh
EH1 3DG

07/12/12

Dear First Minister,

Further to yesterday's meeting and your subsequent letter, I can confirm my continued participation in the all-party meetings about the impact of Lord Justice Leveson's report on Scotland.

It is essential the proposed expert group adheres to the remit of examining the implications for Scots law and does not stray into preparing the groundwork for legislation which I remain to be convinced is necessary.

I look forward to further discussions with you about this vital process.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Davidson MSP

An Fhìor Urr Ailig Salmond BPA
Rt Hon Alex Salmond MSP
Am Prìomh Mhinistear
First Minister of Scotland

Taigh Naomh Anndrais, Rathad Regent, Dùn Èideann EH1 3DG
St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG
F/T: 0845 774 1741

Johann Lamont MSP
Leader of the Scottish Labour Party
Scottish Parliament
EDINBURGH
EH99 1SP



132 December 2012

Dear Johann,

I was grateful to you and other party leaders for meeting with the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs and me last week to discuss the taking forward in Scotland of the report by Lord Justice Leveson on *An Inquiry into the Culture, Practices and Ethics of the Press*.

We agreed on the establishment of an expert group to look at the implications of the report for Scots law and I was grateful for party leaders' subsequent suggestions for membership: the need for a relatively small, focused group with an appropriate diversity of professional and other backgrounds meant that we could not reflect all of the suggestions but I am glad that the expert group does have members reflecting that process, including the chair, the Rt Hon Lord McCluskey of Church Hill.

I attach a news release that the Scottish Government is issuing, which sets out the group's membership and terms of reference.

Yours faithfully,
Alex

ALEX SALMOND

An Fhìor Urr Ailig Salmond BPA
Rt Hon Alex Salmond MSP
Am Prìomh Mhinistear
First Minister of Scotland

Taigh Naomh Anndrais, Rathad Regent, Dùn Èideann EH1 3DG
St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG
F/T: 0845 774 1741

Margo MacDonald MSP
Scottish Parliament
EDINBURGH
EH99 1SP



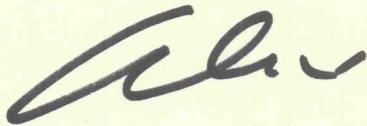
132 December 2012

Dear Margo,

I was grateful to you and other party leaders for meeting with the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs and me last week to discuss the taking forward in Scotland of the report by Lord Justice Leveson on *An Inquiry into the Culture, Practices and Ethics of the Press*.

We agreed on the establishment of an expert group to look at the implications of the report for Scots law and I was grateful for party leaders' subsequent suggestions for membership: the need for a relatively small, focused group with an appropriate diversity of professional and other backgrounds meant that we could not reflect all of the suggestions but I am glad that the expert group does have members reflecting that process, including in the chair, your suggestion of the Rt Hon Lord McCluskey of Church Hill.

I attach a news release that the Scottish Government is issuing, which sets out the group's membership and terms of reference.

J. f. Salmond



ALEX SALMOND