

GDa. One thing most people feel a bit concerned about, contacting Number 10.

SH: I am not absolutely convinced we should have talked to Number 10. Evidence is some lack of clarity about whether we did or not.

RR. Fully support need for a statement after this meeting. Would want to make some comments more generally of Producers' Guidelines. In particular, newspaper articles and the recruitment of journalists to create news rather than report it.

GDa. Come back to that in September.

PNJ. Think we should say something about newspaper articles.

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GDa. You will be pleased to know that mood amongst Governors is supportive. No need to reopen question of whether our reporting was biased. Want to talk to you specifically about whether Producers' Guidelines were upheld. Whether sufficient warning was given to Number 10. Whether we should look at rules regarding journalists and newspaper articles.

PNJ: Would also like to touch on opportunities to Government to deny and coverage of it

Producers' Guidelines

RSa. Guidelines relate to three areas

Anonymity. Nothing that demonstrates non-compliance

Single sourcing. Reluctance but not banned. Have made clear in open letter to Alastair Campbell context for our decisions

Fairness. Whether we gave sufficient warning and prominence of their denials

On warning in advance. There was a separate story about cluster bombs. Team did ask Adam Ingram's office about extending that to WMD. Not clear from notes taken how much detail was given. Normal practice in these circumstances is Department would confer with other Government departments and then confirm they are happy. Programme was clear about what it said. But inadequate notes.

PNJ. Common problem – inadequate notes.

SW: On single source. Robust editorial process did happen before broadcast. I do not know who the source is. Editor of the programme and Head of Radio news are convinced that source is credible and reliable.

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