

order of the programme it was not a lead item. Therefore were not as careful with notes.

Programmes thinks MOD came back to confirm Adam Ingram would talk about both [Ref to Night editor at 10.30pm – see SW speaking notes/crib sheet].

Our weakness in this area is we don't have solid and reliable notes on the allegations we put to them.

GDa: What time did allegations get broadcast?

SW: About 6.05am. 7.40am we broadcast Number 10 response.

CT: Think difficulty is not having gone to Downing Street and didn't attempt to include a denial.

RR: Let's be realistic. Culture of Today Programme is to create news. Rod Liddle admits that. Tabloid and Sunday newspapers have long time not contacted people seeking denial they don't do it.

Still support Government's [sic] position. But it is a cultural thing that does need looking at more generally at a later date.

DG: Advance notification?

SW: It [Producers' Guidelines] says those named should have opportunity to respond

DG: So not something about 'advance'? So not an explicit reference to contributions not included.

AS: I think we were naive about potential power of this story. Obligation on our part to warn Number 10. Need to make sure we are not letting the public down.

RR: These people are recruited etc. They are not naive people. I support Today Programme in this incident. But in future we should look at whether that is the Today Programme we want.

PNJ: Don't think they didn't know how big this was. It should have been alerted to Number 10.

MD: Journalist integrity.

PNJ: Think we would have been in a much stronger position.

MD: Not clear that programme was right.

RD: Not our job to decide whether what was reported was true. Contacting number 10 is the issue.

BBC/14/0029

958