

MOVIES ON PAY TV MARKET INVESTIGATION

Disclosures of interest

This letter discloses interests of Group members and CC staff working on the team carrying out the above review.

Members' interests:

Laura Carstensen is a Deputy Chairman of the CC and will chair the Group that is conducting this inquiry. As a partner in the law firm Slaughter and May, Ms Carstensen advised Carlton Communications plc for a number of years until she left the firm in June 2004. Ms Carstensen was a consultant on strategy & business development to the competition/antitrust practice group of Linklaters from May 2008 until January 2010 but had no client advisory role there.

Robin Aaronson, a member of the Group conducting this inquiry, has a small shareholding in LECG LLC, which provides consultancy services worldwide to any sector of the economy, including, in the past, the media sector. During the 1990s, Mr Aaronson acted as an expert witness for the BBC. In 2000, he advised Granada on the investigation of prospective mergers between ITV companies. Mr Aaronson has not been involved with companies in the commercial broadcasting sector since 2000.

Alexander Johnston, a member of the Group conducting this inquiry, has shareholdings in BT, ITV and Tesco. Mr Johnston will sell his shares in BT. Mr Johnston's wife also has a shareholding in BT.

Member's disclosure of interest update: Alexander Johnston, member of the Group, has sold his shares in BT and is no longer a shareholder of that company.

Member's disclosure of interest update: Alexander Johnston, member of the Group, has sold his shares in Tesco and is no longer a shareholder of that company.

Stephen Oram, a member of the Group conducting this inquiry, was Chief Executive of the Newspaper Publishers Association (NPA) until February 2007. News International (owned by News Corporation, which owns Fox and also has a shareholding in BSkyB) is one of the seven members of the NPA. Mr Oram's only remaining links to the NPA are as the Non-Executive Chairman of the National Newspapers Safe Home Ordering Protection Scheme. This is a consumer protection scheme for newspaper readers ordering advertised goods. The scheme is funded from a levy on certain types of advertising. Mr Oram is one of the two NPA representatives who sit on the board of the scheme. Mr Oram's role is a paid non-executive role which is expected to take up 3-4 days per year. Mr Oram is also Executive Chairman of the London Press Club which receives occasional donations and sponsorship from news organisations, including newspapers and broadcasters. Mr Oram has a shareholding in Tesco.

Member's disclosure of interest update: Stephen Oram, member of the Group, has sold his shares in Tesco and is no longer a shareholder of that company.

Peter Jones, a member of the Group conducting this inquiry, is a trustee of two trusts which have shareholdings in Tesco. The investments in the trusts are managed by fund managers.

The beneficiaries of the trusts are Mr Jones' children in one case and the children of family friends in the other.

Member's disclosure of interest update: One of the trusts of which Peter Jones, member of the Group, is a trustee for his children has sold its shares in Tesco and is no longer a shareholder of that company. The other trust retains a shareholding in Tesco.

Member's disclosure of interest update: The trust that Peter Jones is a trustee of, which held a shareholding in Tesco, has sold those shares.

Further information about each of the members can be found in the Register of Interests.

The members mentioned above and the CC do not believe that any of these matters will prejudice the ability of the Group to discharge its functions in an independent and impartial manner.

Staff interests Rachel Merelie (CC staff Senior Inquiry Director) and her husband each have shareholdings in BT Group, for whom Mrs Merelie's husband worked from 1981 to 2002.

Carole Begent (CC staff Deputy Chief Legal Adviser) has a shareholding in BT.

Jonathan Blackburn (CC staff Legal Adviser) has a shareholding in HMV.

Staff disclosure of interest update: Jonathan Blackburn has sold his shares in HMV and is no longer a shareholder of that company.

Additional disclosure to Staff Interests

Ruth Forbes (CC staff Financial and Business Adviser) was previously employed within the audit and assurance department at Deloitte LLP. Between 2004 and 2006 Ms Forbes' principal client was BSkyB plc. Ms Forbes' role for Sky was limited to audit and related matters and did not involve strategic or other consulting work.

Disclosure of Academic Panellist's interests

Dr Howard Smith, a member of the CC's academic panel, has been asked to assist CC staff in an advisory capacity. Dr Smith has a shareholding in BT Group and a shareholding in ITV. For more information about Dr Smith and the role of academic panellists please click here.

The CC is satisfied that none of these matters will prejudice the ability of the CC to discharge its functions in an independent and impartial manner.

Pay TV services

A number of the Group members and staff are subscribers to pay TV services. The CC is satisfied that this will not prejudice the ability of the CC to discharge its functions in an independent and impartial manner.

The CC is satisfied that the impartiality of the inquiry will not be affected by any of the above.