



# Culture, Media and Sport Committee

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Dame Elan Closs Stephens DBE  
Acting Chair of the BBC Board

By email

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Dear Dame Elan,

Thank you for sight of your correspondence with the Secretary of State regarding the investigation into Huw Edwards. The Committee has been following the public discussion regarding the media coverage of the allegations, and I am writing to request further information on what plans the BBC has to publish the findings of its reviews into wider BBC processes. We have also written to The Sun to ask them to set out the processes by which the newspaper verifies its stories.

We share your concern to respect the privacy of individuals and to give due regard to the BBC's duty of care obligations. As such, it is entirely appropriate that the BBC's fact-finding investigation is a confidential process. However, we are keen to see that the BBC conducts its two wider reviews in a transparent manner.

Firstly, it is important that the public are reassured that the BBC is taking appropriate actions to ensure that the 'red flagging' process works effectively. It would be helpful to have an update on this work following discussion at yesterday's Board meeting. Secondly, as you have rightly identified, this particular case speaks to wider issues regarding BBC protocols and procedures. We welcome the publication today of the Terms of Reference for this review and an indication of the timetable.

Finally, you yourself have emphasised that trust is critical for the public to retain confidence in the BBC. I share that belief. In that light, we would like to understand what intentions the BBC has to make the outcomes of its two reviews public.

Yours sincerely,

**Dame Caroline Dinenage DBE MP**  
**Chair, Culture, Media and Sport Committee**