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Response form

Publicity Code Consultation 2013

About you

i) Your details

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ii) Are the views expressed on this consultation an official's response from the organisation you represent or your own personal views?

Organisational response

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Questions:

1. Views on the proposed legislation are invited, and in particular do consultees see the proposals as fully delivering the commitment to give greater force to the Publicity Code by putting compliance on a statutory basis?

The independent press faces unfair competition from local authorities who are spending taxpayers' money and using it to produce publications that harm the ability of local newspapers, in particular, to properly scrutinise their councils. Councils have been ignoring the current Publicity Code.

2. If there is alternative to the power of direction, how will this meet the aim of improved enforcement of the code?

No.

3. This consultation invites evidence of the circumstances where the code was not met and the implications of this on competition in local media

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