

Message

From: Ruth X Barker [GRO]
on behalf of Ruth X Barker [GRO]
Sent: 16/01/2015 18:49:24
To: 'BARTY, Susan' [GRO]; Mark R Davies [GRO]
CC: Melanie Corfield [GRO]; Belinda Crowe [GRO]; Rodric Williams [GRO]; Tom Wechsler [GRO]; Patrick Bourke [GRO]
Subject: RE: DEADLINE SUNDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING - INSIDE OUT/BBC BREAKFAST ITEM FOR MONDAY

Hi

I've spoken to Claire at the BBC. She claims that it was flagged to them through internal prospects today. I've stressed the lack of notice and also that they need to fully review our statement and consider its content.

I've asked for the name of their duty lawyer but they say can't share names. However, have confirmed if we email Mark Grannell he will forward any correspondence. They have asked if Mark can be first point of call or at least be cc'd in on any correspondence. He will be working the 10 – 10 shift both Saturday and Sunday.

The editor is Adam Bullimore and they have reassured me that he will be picking up emails regularly over the weekend if we want to contact.

Sorry but can I ask that everyone cc's ruth.x.barker [GRO] rather than the generic press office email.

Ruth

From: BARTY, Susan [GRO]
Sent: 16 January 2015 18:36
To: Mark R Davies; Pressoffice
Cc: Melanie Corfield; Belinda Crowe; Rodric Williams
Subject: RE: DEADLINE SUNDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING - INSIDE OUT/BBC BREAKFAST ITEM FOR MONDAY

Dear Mark

I agree that this is an unreasonable deadline – although I suspect the Breakfast schedules are worked on a lot over the weekend.

I have called the BBC Legal Advice team – saying without instructions and not mentioning any client name, to get an email address (normally we correspond by fax). Unfortunately they do not know who will be dealing with that just yet. If I need to get in touch with them over the weekend, I can call the duty lawyer and get an email address.

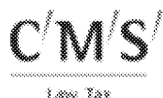
Kind regards

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From: Mark R Davies [GRO]
Sent: 16 January 2015 18:25
To: Pressoffice
Cc: Melanie Corfield; Belinda Crowe; BARTY, Susan
Subject: Re: DEADLINE SUNDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING - INSIDE OUT/BBC BREAKFAST ITEM FOR MONDAY

I am copying Susan Barty. I think their deadlines are unreasonable. They have given us approximately 45 minutes of the working week when they must have known they were planning this earlier. Views please?

Ruth: please can you ask them for the name of the editor of BBC Breakfast?

thanks

Mark

Mark Davies
Communications and Corporate Affairs Director
Mobile [GRO]

Sent from my iPad

On 16 Jan 2015, at 17:12, "Pressoffice" [GRO] wrote:

Hi

This has come in from BBC Breakfast.

There's clearly elements/inaccuracies of questioning which need to be challenged using responses in our prepared statements and Q&A. I'll start going through them this evening.

I've spoken to Claire to get a bit more detail on deadlines and what they intending to run.

They are proposing to run an approx. 2.5 min piece on Monday Breakfast between 6.00 and 9.00, no set time as yet but they seem v firm that it will run.

The piece will include an extract of the Inside Out programme – she couldn't clarify which elements exactly as its currently being edited. They will then move to a studio interview with Noel Thomas. They've already spoken to him and he will be discussing his case, the move to a plea to false accounting and subsequent prison sentence. He will of course be focussing on the impact this has had on him in terms of bankruptcy, spending 60th birthday in prison and he will be highlighting the fact that he had served over 42 years with the business prior to the charges being made. They'll also be asking what he would like to see happen next. It seems he has also mentioned that the business has been impacted by being pulled around by various govts (no suggestion that this is relevant to his circumstances though!).

They will probably use our responses to prompt Noel's questions and then use our statement at the end. She's asked that our statement start with an explanation on why can't discuss individual cases such as Noel's.

I'm on call over the weekend so happy to pull together. Sunday evening is the deadline. Let me know if would like to discuss.

Ruth

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From: Claire Hamilton **GRO**
Sent: 16 January 2015 16:51
To: Pressoffice
Cc: Mark Grannell
Subject: FW: DEADLINE SUNDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING - INSIDE OUT/BBC BREAKFAST ITEM FOR MONDAY
Importance: High

Further to my last email the deadline for this would be Sunday, as the item is due to air early on Monday morning at some point between 0600-0900.

I won't be in over the weekend, but Mark Grannell is the day editor in charge – and I've copied him in to this email.

If the statement you provide us with could incorporate all of the questions below – that would be great.

Kind Regards,
Claire Hamilton

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From: Claire Hamilton
Sent: 16 January 2015 16:32
To: 'pressoffice'; **GRO**
Subject: INSIDE OUT/BBC BREAKFAST ITEM FOR MONDAY
Importance: High

Hi there,

Thanks for your time just now. We're running an item on Monday morning's programme which is based on a story running on a number of the regional Inside Out programmes on Monday evening.

It's about the handling of the Post Office's IT system which caused at least 150 sub-postmasters being accused of false accounting and fraud. The Sub-postmasters say computer software was responsible for the apparent loss of hundreds of thousands of pounds. The programme follows up this story as the postmasters meet to look at what action they will take next.

We just wanted to request a response from the Post Office on a number of issues

- Q) As far as the post office is concerned, how much money went missing – and what happened?
- Q) Who is responsible? Does the Post Office admit they were wrong in any of the cases?
- Q) Many of the sub-postmasters believe that they have been victims of miscarriages of justice – what is the Post Office's official response to this..?
- Q) What is the Post Office going to do about the situation now?

Kind Regards,
Claire

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