

Home Affairs Committee

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From the Committee Chair

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Dear Mr Tee

As you may know, in the last Parliament the Home Affairs Committee conducted an extensive inquiry into *hate crime and its violent consequences*.

Although the inquiry was interrupted by the Dissolution of Parliament, our predecessors managed to publish a report on *online abuse, hate and extremism* at the beginning of May. However, there were a range of issues which were raised in evidence which could not be dealt with in that report and the new Committee has now resumed the inquiry with the aim of coming to conclusions on these further aspects of hate crime.

One specific issue which came up in evidence to our predecessors and which we are keen to pursue is how particular groups are portrayed in the media on the basis of their religion, race, disability, gender or sexuality, and the ways in which this can affect the scale and nature of abuse and hate crime.

I would therefore be grateful if you could provide the following information to assist with our resumed inquiry:

- The number of complaints received by IPSO under code provision 12 (discrimination), including complaints which also related to provision 3 (harassment).
- In each case, please specify:
 - the subject of the complaint (ie the publication against which the complaint was made);
 - whether the complaint was upheld
 - the reasons for the decision on the outcome.

Yours sincerely



Yvette Cooper MP
Chair