From:

17 June 2010 14:31

Sent: To:

Cable MPST; Chambers Sarah (CCP)

Cc:

Davey MPST; SPAD MPST; Hendon David (IE); Clark Rachel (IE); Rees Andrew (CCP);

Subject: RE: James Murdoch Meeting

- 1. It seems reasonable to assume that since the phone call earlier this week, the two companies are closer to reaching a deal and that James Murdoch wants to update the SofS and, in the light of their experience in the ITV share acquisition case, would want an indication from the SofS as to whether he would use his powers of intervention.
- 2. It therefore would perhaps seem unreasonable to refuse their request. The SofS should however, be in listening mode and I would suggest that he should follow the lines to take (background would remain the same) as provided in my e mail of late Tuesday evening. It might help if a CCP official could also sit in.

Competition Law and Mergers | Department for Business, Innovation and Skills | T: 0207 215

The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) is building a dynamic and competitive UK economy by creating the conditions for business success; promoting enterprise and science; and giving everyone the skills and opportunities to succeed. To achieve this we will foster world class universities and promote an open and global economy.

## BIS - Investing in our future

From: Cable MPST
Sent: 17 June 2010 12:52
To: Chambers Sarah (CCP);

Cc: Davey MPST; SPAD MPST; Hendon David (IE); Clark Rachel (IE)

Subject: James Murdoch Meeting

Sarah,

James Murdoch's office has called.

At the end of the call this week James suggested he and the SoS meet up at some point, SoS vaguely agreed. They now want a slot in the diary.

Do you see any issue with this in terms of the acquisition?