

Melanie Jones, Solicitors Branch

The press office has had an inquiry from the Independent on Sunday. On the record they would like to be told the service history of Charles Shoebridge who, claim the newspaper, is frequently seen on television news programmes where he is claimed to be an "expert" on various matters ranging from terrorism to public order.

Subject to your approval (and with the consent of Commander Special Branch) I am proposing to answer the question as follows:

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(Paragraph detailing service history redacted from original)

I am of the view that if an MP asked a similar question the above answer would be minimum that would be given in reply.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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