

**The BSE Inquiry / Statement No 344**

**Rt. Hon. Sir Norman Fowler MP**

**(not scheduled to give oral evidence)**

**BSE INQUIRY**

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF RT HON SIR NORMAN FOWLER MP**

Name and professional address

1. My full name is Peter Norman Fowler. My professional address is House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

Contacts with interested bodies

2. I am currently Chairman of Regional Independent Media (publisher of the Yorkshire Post Group of Newspapers) and a non-executive Director of Aggregate Industries plc. In addition, I was appointed Chairman of Numark Ltd (which represents 1200 independent pharmacists) earlier this year.
3. I attach a copy of my current entry in the House of Commons register of interests (**M55 Tab3**). I would be happy to provide a full curriculum vitae if that would assist the Inquiry.
4. I have no other past or present links with the farming community, renderers, feed stock manufacturers, pet food manufacturers, pharmaceutical companies, trade associations, other private sector organisations or local government other than those which arose solely as a result of actions which I took in my capacity as a Minister.

My political career

5. I was elected Member of Parliament for Nottingham South in 1970. I became Member of Parliament for Sutton Coldfield in 1974 and have served as MP for that constituency ever since. I am currently Shadow Secretary of State for Home Affairs.
6. During my time in government, I held the following Ministerial appointments:  
  
1979 – 81      Minister of Transport  
  
1981    Secretary of State for Transport  
  
1981 – 1987      Secretary of State for Social Services  
  
1987 – 1990      Secretary of State for Employment
7. I was not involved in any relevant parliamentary committees.

Involvement with BSE or nvCJD

8. I had no involvement in BSE or nvCJD during my time in government. I left the Department of Health and Social Security in June 1987. I had not been notified of the existence of BSE at that time; nor, to the best of my knowledge, had any other Ministers or officials in the Department of Health.
9. The contents of this statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Current Register entry

24.9.98.

**FOWLER, Rt. Hon. Sir Norman (Sutton Coldfield)**

**1. Remunerated directorships**

Chairman (non-executive) of Regional Independent Media Holdings Ltd. and subsidiaries; publishers of regional newspapers including the Yorkshire Post and Yorkshire Evening Post, the Sheffield Star and the Lancashire Evening Post.

Chairman (non-executive) of Numark Ltd.; industrial and provident society representing United Kingdom independent pharmacies

Aggregate Industries PLC (non-executive); building materials and quarrying.

**2. Remunerated employment, office, profession, etc.**

Occasional writing, broadcasting and lecturing.

Member of Lloyd's (resigned 1998).

*Categories of business underwritten:*

*MAPA: all categories.*

*Other syndicates covering Marine, Non-Marine, Motor, Aviation.*