Citizenship

How does the media hold those in power to account?

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Task 3 - 'Expenses' information summary

The Daily Telegraph agreed to publish information about MPs from all political parties	The expenses information had been digitised and was being edited to restrict information	Prime Minister Gordon Brown apologised on behalf of all politicians
Five MPs and two Lords were jailed for fraud or false accounting	A hard drive full of files about MPs expenses was leaked to <i>The Daily Telegraph</i>	MPs are entitled to claim money back for spending essential to doing their job
The Speaker said the private information should not have been given to the newspaper	A number of MPs who were named in articles decided to quit at the next election	A new organisation called IPSA was set up to oversee future expenses claims
Opposition Leader David Cameron set new limits about spending for Conservatives	The Daily Telegraph ran a series of news articles about MPs misusing expenses	The Speaker later quit his position as he had approved the expenses system

