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Watson, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, commenting

on News Group's admission of computer hacking, said:

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a dramatic new revelation in the saga of criminality in Murdoch's media empire.

Despite being asked about the use of private detectives by the News of the World at a parliamentary committee in 2011 it's taken a five year civil case for the company to admit to further illegal behaviour.

"We can

now add computer hacking to the long list of criminal activities undertaken by Murdoch's

operatives. We know from experience of phone hacking that there won't just be

single victim. So my question to Rupert Murdoch and his subordinates is this: Who else was hacked?

"The Met

police are in possession of seized hard drives. What steps have they taken to establish whether there are other people who don't yet know their personal information has been hacked? I will be writing to Metropolitan Police Commissioner Cressida Dick to ask that she ensures all leads are followed up and any victims fully informed.

"This is

yet more evidence that Part Two of the Leveson Inquiry must go ahead to discover the full truth of illegality and cover-ups like this. And it's vital that the CMA is able to take this new evidence of criminality and corporate failure into account as it assesses the Murdochs' bid to take over Sky."