

Facebook Fake News Inquiry: The Countries Demanding Answers | The Guardian

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Legislators from around the world have gathered in London for the “international grand committee session on fake news”. Led by the UK’s Damian Collins – as chair of the digital, culture, media and sport select committee – representatives from nine countries are grilling Richard Allan, Facebook’s vice-president of policy solutions, on Tuesday at the House of Commons.

Here is why each country has questions for [Facebook](#) to answer.

Ireland

The Irish government is [reviewing proposed legislation](#) to promote online safety amid an outcry that tech companies are unable or unwilling to tackle harmful content. The move jars with Dublin’s normally effusive support for tech companies with an Irish base. Facebook has its European headquarters in Dublin and falls under the remit of Irish data protection authorities.

Hildegard Naughton – a Fine Gael TD (member of parliament) who chairs a joint committee on communications, climate action and environment – has said the time for apologies and remedial action from the company had passed.

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