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To: Simon Baker [GRO]
Cc: 'Ian Henderson' [GRO]; Alwen Lyons [GRO]
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Subject: RE: Confirm points for Paula meeting

Simon

I'm surprised at the questions you have raised as these include matters that are outside our scope of work.

Dealing with each point in turn.

1. The investigation reports on 2-3 MPs cases by Summer Recess (or more)

This was suggested by us shortly after the 25 March meeting. We explained that in order to do this we would need about 3 months to pull together outstanding matters. We were not authorised to do this and instead were asked to concentrate on progressing as many of the 29 MP cases as possible. That is what we have been doing since early April.

If we are now asked to finalise 2 or 3 MP cases, our time estimate remains the same, i.e. the work will take about 3 months from now and will have an adverse impact on current work on a wider number of MP and JFSA cases

2. By using the 2-3 cases you will answer the question: **have systemic defects in the Horizon system resulted in the wrongful conviction or suspension of sub postmasters.**

Our role is to establish the facts relating to specific MP or JFSA nominated cases. We are not qualified to answer a legal question about what may or may not be an unsafe conviction or suspension.

3. In addition to answering this question you will also identify areas of improvement.

In addition to reporting the facts we have found in individual cases, we will also identify areas of improvement. We have already discussed with you a number of areas of possible improvement.

4. From the investigation work done to date, if question 2 was posed to you today, you would answer "no"

Please see my response to question 2 above.

On a practical note, it would be helpful if a policy decision would now be made, with input from James Arbuthnot and the JFSA, as to what should be done about those cases, two of which came in this week, where no meaningful documentation has yet been provided to 2nd Sight. By agreeing not to progress those, the population would be reduced by 15 cases.

With best regards,

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Ron

Just to ensure we are on the same page, Paula would like to say we have agreed the following with Second Sight, can you confirm you agree:

1. The investigation reports on 2-3 MPs cases by Summer Recess (or more)
2. By using the 2-3 cases you will answer the question: **have systemic defects in the Horizon system resulted in the wrongful conviction or suspension of sub postmasters.**
3. In addition to answering this question you will also identify areas of improvement.
4. From the investigation work done to date, if question 2 was posed to you today, you would answer "no"

Regards, Simon

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