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20 July 2010

Dear Edward Davey MP,

I have been approached by my constituent Mrs Thakshila Somaskandarajah of **GRO**
GRO previously the sub-post master at Splott
Road Post Office.

I would be grateful if you could look at the matters raised by my constituent in
relation to the problems with POL and the Horizon system.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

GRO

ALUN MICHAEL MP

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Tuesday 6 July 2010

Dear Alun Michael,

I am writing to you with regard to the way I have been treated by Post Office Ltd (POL). From 2002 until 2004 I was the sub post master at Splott road post office. That is until POL terminated my contract unreasonably.

At the end of the day the root cause behind the problems I had with POL was entirely due to their fault ridden Horizon system. I am not alone in suffering from a system which is prone to errors, has negligible support, is inaccessible to the level required to manage the business, but it is me that are held accountable for its failures and losses.

The Post Office is 100% owned by the Government and regardless of how Government try and sidestep its' responsibilities, it is the Government of today with its silence, that ultimately approves and sanctions the atrocity/ies that POL has inflicted on me/subpostmasters. There has to be an independent investigation into how POL has abused its power by forcing me/subpostmasters into using a corrupted Horizon system to undertake their business on their behalf.

I and others have now joined together to form the Justice For Subpostmasters Alliance (www.jfsa.org.uk) in order to try and have our voices heard and to let the public know how the Government, in the guise of POL, are really treating subpostmasters. As you are my elected representative in Parliament I am asking you to request an inquiry to be set up to investigate my case and the many others cases from around the country where subpostmasters have suffered at the hands of Post Office Limited.

I am available to come and talk to you at one of your surgeries if you want more details of my case.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs.T.Somaskandarajah

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EDWARDS, Sheryl

From: Thakshila Somaskandrajah **GRO**
Sent: 07 July 2010 18:10
To: MICHAEL, Alun
Subject: RE: Letter from your constituent THAKSHILA SOMASKANDARAJAH

Dear Hon.Alun Michael MP,

Thank you for your prompt reply.I am delighted that you have agreed to take my case further.I give my consent to share my email and attachments etc.with Ministers and others.I have informed my other colleagues of this good news from good and genuine MP for Cardiff West.
Thank you again.

Regards

Thakshila

> **From:** AlunMichaelMP **GRO**
> **To:** THAKSHILA SOMASKANDARAJAH
> **CC:** EdwardsSG **GRO**
> **Date:** Tue, 6 Jul 2010 22:48:29 +0100
> **Subject:** RE: Letter from your constituent THAKSHILA SOMASKANDARAJAH

Barbara Bennett

From: Paul Hook **GRO**
Sent: 23 July 2010 12:36
To: Sue Huggins
Cc: George Thomson
Subject: NFSP media line on Horizon / Justice for Subpostmasters Allaince
Dear Sue

George has asked me to forward for information the statement (below) which the NFSP issued to the media last year following enquiries on the issues raised by the Justice for Subpostmasters Alliance; and which was issued again earlier this week in response to an enquiry from the BBC.

NFSP General Secretary George Thomson: "We have complete confidence in the Horizon system, which carries out hundreds of millions of transactions every week at 12,000 Post Office outlets across the country. The NFSP has seen no evidence to suggest that Horizon has been at fault – we believe it to be robust, as does Post Office Ltd, with whom we have regular discussions on the system."

Kind regards
Paul

Paul Hook

Director of Policy and Communications

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