

After a number of meetings between Post Office Management and Members of Parliament in relation to the Court cases, it was agreed that the Post Office would undertake an external review of the cases which had been raised by the Member's constituents. As the Post Office continues to have absolute confidence in the robustness and integrity of its Horizon system and its branch accounting processes, it had no hesitation in agreeing to an external review of these few individual cases.

In order to provide assurance to the interested parties, it was proposed that the review be undertaken by independent Auditors, 2nd Sight. The review will be specifically restricted to the cases raised by the MPs as well as reviewing the accounting procedures, processes and reconciliations undertaken in relation to the cases in question. Before formal instructions are given to the Independent Auditors, agreements will be sought from all interested parties, namely the Members of Parliament and Justice For Sub Postmasters. The Sub Postmasters have requested a Forensic Accountant of their choice be appointed to oversee the Cases being reviewed by 2nd Sight.

All the above is accepted based on the terms of the Review being carried out, but this is in no way an acknowledgment by the Post Office that there is an issue with Horizon. Over the past ten years, many millions of branch reconciliations have been carried out with transactions and balances accurately recorded by more than 25,000 different sub postmasters and the Horizon system continues to work properly in post offices across the length and breadth of the UK. When the system has been challenged in criminal courts, it has been successfully defended.