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Subject: RE: Debate pack

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A few comments:

- In the speech shouldn't the Minister say somewhere that the information on the CCRC and status of the investigation has been provided by MoJ?
- Q&A. The 'real possibility' test needs some explanation
- P10 should refer to previous management as well given that Horizon was introduced in [year] and the claims in the GLO relate to events going back to the late 1990s in some cases. The claims predate Paula Vennells' involvement in the company – we should not mention her by name except in response to a specific question. Should also mention that POL was part of RMG when Horizon was introduced.
- P12 should say that the settlement amount had to be approved by HMG
- P16. References to change/culture improvement are well underway is premature (couple of similar references elsewhere). Better to use the language about Nick Read being committed to an overhaul
- P21 mentions an independent review of the facts. That isn't what's proposed
- P24. Do we want to say this? "On the litigation, following the critical Common Issues Judgment, UKGI challenged the Post Office Board's strategy and approach and supported on activities to enable the successful mediation to take place in December 2019." Nothing wrong with it but it rather begs the question about what happened before
- P26. Haven't we said that POL will inform BEIS if they are going to mount any private prosecutions in future? I think we've also said something about the current number of prosecutions being handled by CPS about postmasters
- Do we want to include the Alan Bates letter received today?

Q&A is a bit repetitive and similar topics appear in different places. Could it be organised differently?

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Hi Shanice,

Thanks for sending this over and appreciate the tight turnaround.

Tom/Richard – if you send me your comments/amendments I will collate with mine and issue to Shanice later this evening.

Cheers,

Josh

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Hi All,

Please find attached the following documents for review ahead of the debate on Thursday – apologies for the delay. I have also attached the full pack and speech sent by MoJ (which I have incorporated) if useful for reference

Due to the very tight turnaround I would appreciate comments back as soon as possible. Carl will be reviewing in the morning at 8am tomorrow morning so we can meet our lunchtime deadline.

Do please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime as I will be available for a while.

Thanks,
Shanice



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Smashing thanks Shanice.

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Hi both,

I know that it has been planned that I send the debate pack across to you by 4pm but to let you know I only received the pack and speech on CCRC from MoJ about 40 mins ago. I am rapidly incorporating their lines into the briefing pack and speech and will get these across as soon as possible.

Should be before 5 – hopefully half 4.

Cheers,



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