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Subject: Fwd: Draft approved by James for MPs' meeting

Please see below. This is where I got to with Janet. Later than hoped following an IT glitch. I not sure whether it will work or not.

I spoke to Tony who would be happy to be quoted as being keen to ensure that the progress of the Scheme is only discussed in the broadest terms and that he considers that it is progressing as well as might be expected. It might be an idea to quote him as that may helpJFSA and Second Sight.

It is James' meeting and therefore he can say what he wants but at least we have recorded the fact that we will not be going into too much detail. It also serves as a reminder that we want to discuss the branch support programme as, Paula, you told James you wanted to do in January.

If anyone thinks I should have made the points differently or has other views please let meknow and I will be happy to go back to Janet.

Best wishes Belinda

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Belinda Crowe < belinda.crowe GRO

Date: 21 March 2014 20:40:16 GMT

To: "WALKER, Janet" < janet.walker GRO
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Subject: Re: Draft approved by James for MPs' meeting

Hi Janet

When we spoke you asked that I send you my suggested text. Please see below. Sorry for the delay.

I am suggesting we omit the sentence which says that the meeting is an opportunity to learn about how the mediation scheme is progressing. Paula is keen to meet MPs and answer their questions. She is happy to discuss the Scheme in general terms and also, as she discussed with James when they met in January, the changes that have been made as part of the Branch Support Programme.

In addition, we have appointed an independent Chair who would only be happy for progress of the Scheme to be discussed in the very broadest terms, especially as the Scheme is at a delicate stage, with the first Second Sight reports expected in the next few weeks. I know Paula and James touched on this when they spoke last week.

So it might be better if the reminder is not specifically focussed on the Scheme but left in more general terms (consistent with the agenda) whilst still making the point about individual cases which I know James was keen to make.

You said that James would be unable to look at this until Monday. I shall be away but have copied David who will be able to pick this up with you Monday if that would be helpful.

I hope the meeting goes well.

Dear Colleague

A brief reminder of our meeting on Monday 24 March, at 5.45 pm in Room T, Portcullis House, with Post Office, Second Sight and JFSA. I hope you can attend, or send a representative. It is important, however, to note that both for reasons of confidentiality and because case investigations remain in progress, individual cases cannot be discussed.

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5.50 - 6.10: Update from Post Office – Paula Vennells, CEO
6.10 - 6.15: Update - Second Sight forensic accountants
6.15 - 6.20: Update – Alan Bates, JFSA
6.20 - Q&A

Best wishes

6.45 sharp - close

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On 21 Mar 2014, at 16:17, "WALKER, Janet" < janet.walker GRO > wrote:

Belinda

James is content with the following. Can you let me know your thoughts please?

Janet

Dear Colleague,

A brief reminder of our meeting on Monday 24 March, at 5.45 pm in Room T, Portcullis House, with Post Office, Second Sight and JFSA. The meeting will offer

the opportunity to learn how the Post Office mediation scheme is progressing and to hear from the Post Office, Second Sight, and the Justice for SubPostmasters Alliance. It is important, however, to note that both for reasons of confidentiality and because case investigations remain in progress rather than being concluded, individual cases cannot be discussed.

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I look forward to seeing you there. Yours ever, James

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