
From: WALKER, Janet [GRO]
Sent: Mon 17/06/2013 12:38:07 PM (UTC)
To: Alwen Lyons [GRO]
Subject: RE: Update from James

Good morning Alwen,

Further to this, James has asked me to go ahead and set this up. I think a phone call is going to be easier for them both. James is about to ask Ian and Ron for a meeting on 2 July as a heads-up on the interim report to be delivered on 8 July. I don't know if and when Paul is expecting news from them about their findings, but it makes sense for James and Paul to talk AFTER James has been given some warning about what the interim report will contain.

Do any of the following suit Paula?

- Wednesday 3 July - anytime between 9 – 10.30am, or after 5pm on
- Thursday 4 July – after 3.30pm
- Friday is possible, but if we could try for earlier, it would be better from this end

Furthermore, James is starting to talk to the media. He has scheduled phone calls with Private Eye and Computer Weekly which will simply be to let them know about the interim report and its presentation on 8 July. Media will not be invited to the meeting.

Let me know what you think.

Kind regards
Janet

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From: Alwen Lyons [GRO]
Sent: 14 June 2013 17:42
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Subject: RE: Update from James




Janet

Paula does not mind face to face or a call, although a call may be easier to organise for both of them

Have a great weekend

Thanks
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From: WALKER, Janet 
Sent: 14 June 2013 07:31
To: Alwen Lyons
Subject: RE: Update from James

Thanks Alwen,

There won't be a problem regarding getting Paula and James together. I'll start looking in the diary for a slot. Would Paula prefer meeting or phone call?

Kind regards
Janet

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From: Alwen Lyons [GRO]
Sent: 13 June 2013 16:51
To: WALKER, Janet
Subject: RE: Update from James

Thanks Janet this is very helpful.

I will get Paula's view on attending the meeting on our attending the meeting on the 8th. Did you manage to get James' view on a Paula/James meeting or call before the 8th as we discussed.

Thanks
Alwen
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From: WALKER, Janet [GRO]
Sent: 13 June 2013 16:30
To: Alwen Lyons
Subject: Update from James

Dear Alwen,

1. Alan Bates

Interim report - James had an extremely good telephone conversation with Alan Bates today. He has asked me to let you know that Alan was content with the proposed content of the interim report. Alan was more concerned with what happens after this has been delivered (which is due at a meeting to take place at Westminster on 8 July, with Ian and Ron presenting). James touched on the point Paula has made about potentially bringing the investigation of further cases in-house within the Post Office. Alan said he was not entirely comfortable with this, but James persuaded him to put this matter into abeyance for the time being, and Alan agreed. We can return to this after the interim report when we have all seen what it has to say.

Media – James also discussed media with him. We are beginning to be approached and are putting people

on hold – Private Eye, Computer Weekly, BBC Shropshire local radio. Alan said he was not responsible for the article in this week's Private Eye, and James believes him. Alan said he was happy not to go public on anything while the investigation process was underway.

2. Meeting 8 July

Ian and Ron have agreed to present an interim report based on 3 cases to MPs, here at Westminster on 8 July. James has said to both them and Alan that at the moment, he is not minded to invite representatives of the Post Office to attend, given that you will presumably only have just seen the report yourselves. Do you have a view on this? James needs to think through this a little more, so it would be helpful if he knew your thoughts.

I am going to email Ron and Ian with all this as well, but wanted to let you know the view from this end is good. Might you let Paula know please?

Kind regards
Janet

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