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To: Paul Loraine [GRO]; Victoria Brooks [GRO]
Subject: CCRC - content for update on Chairman's Review
Attachments: CCRC-#2045848-v1-Letter_from_POL_Chair_to_BIS_04_03_16.pdf; Post Office Review-7Feb16.docx; Report of Brian Altman QC - subject to litigation privilege [BD-4A.FID26859284]; Message for John Grimmer re: Instructions for Brian Altman QC; RE: Message for John Grimmer re: Instructions for Brian Altman QC; Post Office Limited - Update and Request for Further Advice; FW: Post Office Limited - Update and Request for Further Advice; Re: Post Office Limited - Update and Request for Further Advice

Victoria – is was nice speaking with you earlier today on the various matters you are helping us with.

Paul – copying you now you are back (welcome!).

In terms of responding to the CCRC's enquiries about the Chairman's Review, I attach the letter disclosed by UKGI to the CCRC which triggered the CCRC's enquiry.

In responding to the CCRC, the key message to get across is that the Review was commenced before the Group Litigation began, and work on its recommendations effectively stopped once that litigation started (see further below). That will explain why the Review and its results were not circulated more widely as was envisaged in Tim Parker's 04.03.16 letter to Baroness Neville-Rolfe (the letter did at least flag the possibility of civil litigation).

Work was commissioned on all 8 of the Review's recommendations. Some of that work was completed (e.g. Bond Dickinson's report addressing Recommendation 7 - which I can't find at the moment but you will have), while others were stopped for the purposes of the Swift recommendations and continued under the auspices of the Group Litigation (Deloitte's work on the audit store suspense accounts in particular). I attach the email exchange I had with Jonathan Swift explaining this.

I have attached the Review report prepared by Jonathan Swift QC and Christopher Knight, dated 8 February 2016, which can be provided to the CCRC. Can you then please then note for them that very substantial work was undertaken on the back of the Review's recommendations, some of which is still being undertaken for the Group Litigation and is not yet complete due to the complexity of the subject matter.

Can you please then prepare a dossier collating all the final material we have which responded to the Review's recommendations, putting in square brackets any work which is still in draft (e.g. Deloitte) and identifying any gaps. Some of the material is included in the various attachments to this email.

I suspect we should provide this to the CCRC, but I'd like to know how far its jurisdiction extends beyond material related to a specific prosecution.

With all of this material, we must stress that we are claiming privilege and confidentiality over all material connected to the Review, and that we require a specific s.17 Notice to be sent to us to cover the materials provided.

Happy to discuss further when you get a chance, Rod



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