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Subject: Jo's comments on Westminster Hall Debate on Post Office & Horizon
Importance: High

Hi Richard,

To be aware ahead of this morning's briefing session. I put the submission, speech, Q&A and Hooper letter to Jo overnight and she had some comments/ questions.

Submission

- Of the 24 cases POL proposed for mediation, the breakdown only adds up to 20 cases, what has happened with the other 4?
- She'd like a rough idea of the amount of money POL has invested in the scheme
- Can we get lines from POL on the 2 cases they did refuse to mediate?
- She'd like to discuss the issue I flagged last week where POL will not mediate cases where a subpostmaster has pleaded guilty
- When you say the working group has come under pressure to widen its remit, what would the widened remit be?

Speech

- See attached for track changes

Q&A

- Please could you do a table of contents sheet

Why did Post Office agree to incorporate convicted cases in to the scheme if it knew it wasn't going to mediate?

Post Office is, however, under an absolute duty to immediately disclose any information which might undermine the Prosecution's case or support the case of the defendant and Post Office has done so where appropriate. There is no doubt in my mind that it is being particularly vigilant in this regard as it carries out its investigations

- Jo feels like she needs a bit of clarity on this element of the legal process, another one to chat about today.

Hooper Letter

- She would like to lay this in the house, can we check with Hooper that this is ok?

Also I actually won't have the team blackberry this morning as Tracy has it so any problems call my personal mobile which is [GRO] I'll be leaving BIS at 10:45. If you're going straight from BIS we can walk over together?

Alysa

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With thanks to Peter and with significant help from POL, please find attached the pack for the Westminster Hall debate on Wednesday. Also thanks to Re for the postal regulation lines.

A few points to note:

- We have provided a briefing note, with a number of annexes including a modular speech and Q&A
- Depending on how quickly Jo speaks, the speech could be around 15 minutes long. It does however address many of the points we expect MPs to raise, and given that we have a 90 minute debate to cover, I would imagine that such a length would be ok.
- I have also attached Sir Anthony Hooper's letter (which itself has an annex). If Jo is to lay it, we need to ask permission. I would be happy to ask on her behalf, otherwise there is an email address on the letter itself (please cc me).
- I will let you know who from POL is attending tomorrow.
- On the basis that this debate has been triggered by the Horizon issue specifically, I have not incorporated matters related to postal regulation etc in to the main speech, but it is here in an annex if required.

Kind regards

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