
From: Simon Baker [GRO]
Sent: Tue 18/09/2012 9:06:32 AM (UTC)
To: Jarnail A Singh [GRO]
Cc: Jenkins Gareth GI [GRO] Newsome
Pete [GRO]
Subject: RE: URGENT EXPERT REPORT ON HORIZON SYSTEM

Jarnail

Gareth's contact details below.

Simon

Tel:
Mobile:
email:

GRO

From: Newsome Pete [mailto:GRO]
Sent: 18 September 2012 09:41
To: Simon Baker
Cc: Jenkins Gareth GI; Godeseth Torstein
Subject: RE: URGENT EXPERT REPORT ON HORIZON SYSTEM

Simon

No problem with the contact. In the mean time I am checking the documents I think will give us a head start.

Pete

From: Simon Baker [mailto:GRO]
Sent: 17 September 2012 19:38
To: Newsome Pete
Subject: FW: URGENT EXPERT REPORT ON HORIZON SYSTEM

Pete

Are you ok with Jarnail contacting Gareth when he gets back, or do you want him to go through you?

Simon

From: Jarnail A Singh
Sent: 17 September 2012 12:14
To: Simon Baker; Newsome Pete
Subject: RE: URGENT EXPERT REPORT ON HORIZON SYSTEM

Thanks Simon This is very important as the report needs to in hand very quickly on Gareth return. Are you able let me have Gareth's contact details including his email address and date when he is due to return from his annual leave.

Thanks
Jarnail

From: Simon Baker

Sent: 17 September 2012 10:18
To: Newsome Pete
Cc: Jarnail A Singh
Subject: RE: URGENT EXPERT REPORT ON HORIZON SYSTEM

Pete

This is for something different from the data analysis that second sight will be doing.

Jarnail is looking for a report that shows why we believe Horizon is a robust system, to counteract the claims that there are problems with the system.

I don't think Jarnail is looking for something too detailed, maybe a 2-3 pages.

Simon

From: Newsome Pete [mailto:] **GRO**
Sent: 17 September 2012 09:44
To: Simon Baker
Subject: FW: URGENT EXPERT REPORT ON HORIZON SYSTEM

Simon

This is the mail mentioned in our call.

Pete

From: Jarnail A Singh [mailto:] **GRO**
Sent: 13 September 2012 15:30
To: Thomas Penny
Cc: Hugh Flemington; John M Scott
Subject: URGENT EXPERT REPORT ON HORIZON SYSTEM

Dear Penny

It was nice to talk with you this morning.

As the Post Office continues to have absolute confidence in the robustness and integrity of its Horizon system and its branch accounting processes, it had no hesitation in agreeing to an external review of these few individual cases referred by members of parliaments In order to provide assurance to the interested parties, independent Auditors, 2nd Sight were appointed. Also in order to take consistent approach in cases where Horizon has been challenged and to deal with disclosure an investigation officer was appointed to assist in the contested cases, civil and criminal, in which the Horizon system has been challenged. The officers has provided a comprehensive report concluding in old and existing cases only a general complaints has been made by sub post masters without giving details of compliant or specific areas of compliant or even no explanation has been offered as to what has gone wrong. The officer has Confirmed that the Horizon system has never been successfully challenged. The officer has completed a report and also prepared a summary of those cases where there is a proper attack on the system. We need to appoint an expert this being such an specialist area we need one of your members to file this role as matter of urgency with court cases upon us.

The expert will need to address the report to the following issues:

- 1) A description of the horizon system (In laymen's' terms so that a jury can understand what it is and what it does)
- 2) A declaration that it has yet to be attacked successfully.
- 3) A summary of the basic attacks made on the system concentrating on any expert reports served in past cases. If there are none then state that no expert has yet been found by any defence team civil or criminal to attack the system. (at the moment there seems to be little more than griping by defendants that the system must be at fault without saying how)

4) Plainly, like all accounting systems, there is room for human error (Keying in wrong amounts etc) but the expert should be able to state that innocent human error is unlikely to produce the types of discrepancies of many thousands of pounds over many months.

A report along these lines will go a long way to putting this issue to bed.
My telephone number is GRO

Regards

Jarnail Singh

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