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Subject: Project Bramble - Paula Vennells call with Duncan Tait tomorrow morning - Legally Privileged and Confidential

Hi Rachel,

I have just come off a conference call with Wendy Warham, Garry Stewart and Pete Newsome.

Wendy as had a call from Duncan Tait. Apparently Paula Vennells called Duncan on Friday expressing concerns around FJ support re GLO claims and late changes to Witness Statements. The Post Office General Counsel (Jane?) was also on the PV/DT call.

So Wendy raised the following as requested by DT:-

- Are FJ answering the POL questions and being definitive in what we say as our responses are sometimes "It [Horizon] could do XYZ"
Pete N explained that that is the situation in some cases. As regards the Witness Statement changes, (around remote access) and the latest list of Peaks and 22 bugs raised by the GLO Expert (Jason Coyne) FJ are working flat out in a very dedicated manner and have answered virtually all of PL's external lawyers questions, having explained the situation to POL QC and legal team last Monday. POL external legal team appear to have calmed down as a result. In certain areas the POL processes themselves are not that robust. More for POL to worry about in that their training was not always effective and robust. We are doing all we can but will not be perfect. The deadline of Pre-Trial Review hearing on Thursday is causing angst;
- FJ and POL Press Office lined up re disclosures? Pete will speak to FJ Press Office (Graham) but believes so;

Wendy suggested that we should set up a call tomorrow between Paula V and Jane and DT, Rob Putland, Pete Newsome and myself to calm the situation. I mentioned that you may wish to be on it. Will forward you the invite.

Best Regards

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