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To: Thompson, Laura (Shareholder Executive) (ShEx) GRO Callard Richard
Subject: FW: Post Office Press Release today.
Attachment: Press Statement 10May2015.pdf

Pauline – yes please log for SheX

Laura – advance sight of this letter from JFSA

From: Swinson MPST Correspondence
Sent: 10 March 2015 16:14
To: Swinson MPST
Subject: FW: Post Office Press Release today.

Hi guys, for you to see, shall I log for ShEx on eCase?

Pauline.

From: Alan Bates GRO
Sent: 10 March 2015 13:24
To: Swinson MPST Correspondence
Subject: FW: Post Office Press Release today.

Dear Minister,

This morning I have been informed by Post Office that it has closed the Initial Complaint Review & Mediation Scheme, a copy of their press release is attached, and much of what is stated in it is incorrect.

I understand that Post Office this morning has also terminated the Second Sight contract and placed a ban on them speaking with JFSA.

I remind you of your assurance to me in your letter dated 22nd September 2013 when JFSA raised concerns about Second Sight being contracted to Post Office. In your letter you stated :-

“I have noted your concerns about the Mediation Scheme and the work of Second Sight being funded by POL and the potential, therefore, for their independence to be questioned. But it is important to be clear that Second Sight are not employed by POL.”

JFSA took you at your word, and engaged with the process, so how can Post Office terminate the Second Sight contract if they, as you state, “are not employed by POL”. JFSA has always understood that Second Sight works for the Working Group and as such, if their services were no longer required, it was a Working Group decision to make and not just POL’s. Similarly if a decision was to be made to close the Working Group as its work was complete, then that too was a decision for the Working Group, not POL to make by itself.

JFSA pointed out to you at the start of the Scheme that it was a mistake for POL to be holding the purse strings in this matter, as it uses this as a lever in order to try to cover up the years of incompetence that led to the need for this Scheme in the first place.

Presumably you are aware that the first draft of the Second Sight Part Two report was due out tomorrow, ready for

discussion at what was to be the next Working Group meeting on 24th March 2015. Post Office's actions today has attempted to gag Second Sight and stop this report from being published. Furthermore, there are numerous outstanding questions that Post Office has yet to answer, and large quantities of documentation yet to be provided by them, but in POL's eyes the Scheme is now closed, as they now want to bury everything.

Minister, were you aware of Post Office's actions today? Did you approve beforehand their decision close to the Scheme?

I look forward to your response,

Regards
Alan Bates
Chairman
Justice For Subpostmasters Alliance

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