Witness Name: Mrs Joan Bailey Statement No.: WITN0316\_01 EXHIBIT: WITN0316\_01/2

## THE POST OFFICE HORIZON INQUIRY

## EXHIBIT 2



## Strictly Confidential

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Yours sincerely

**GRO** 

Colin Burston Agents Contract Manager

House GRO

Thank you for your letter of 11 March 2011 purporting to give notice of your resignation as the Subpostmaster of the above Post Office®Howey branch.

We note that your letter gives less than the three months' notice required by your Subpostmaster Contract and it is therefore not a valid notice to terminate that contract. However, we are willing to accept your letter as notice to terminate your contract with effect from 11 March 2011 which will be your official last day of service.

Your notice of resignation is accepted without prejudice to any rights or claims Post Office Ltd may have under the subpostmasters' contract or in law. You are still required to make good any outstanding shortages, as well as any further deficiencies highlighted by future enquiries which arose whilst you were subpostmaster.

I must also make it clear to you that Post Office Ltd regards your resignation as one made in order to avoid summary termination of your contract. [This will mean that you will not be eligible to make an application to the Discretionary Fund.]

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