

## **Horizon MP Handling Plan**

### **MP Categorisation**

Jo Swinson, Postal Affairs Minister and Ian Murray, Shadow Minister will be updated on the process on a regular basis. Mark Davies, Communications Director has met with Ian and correspondence will continue with both.

#### **1). 47 cases as part of the Second Sight Report**

Any MP who has a case being reviewed will be sent a letter to explain the process and offered a meeting (the team will look at party conferences as an opportunity to meet and will identify those that have a branch opening / current account launch in their constituency)

Categories:

- 23 MPs that have referred 27 cases as part of the Second Sight Investigation
- MPs that have a case being reviewed by second sight (the other 20 cases)

#### **2). other cases**

Cases outside of the Second Sight report will be monitored and handled on a case by case process. As an MP raises a case we will monitor their activity and communicate (for new cases this correspondence may be via James Arbuthnot – yet to be decided)

- Historical cases
- Current/live cases
- New cases

#### **3). Monitoring (on-going)**

Horizon commentary and correspondence will be monitored and cases / MP issues will be handled on a case by case basis.

- MPs expressing an interest / commenting in the media
- MPs expressing an interest / commenting on social media
- MPs expressing an interest / commenting in Parliament
- MPs correspondence (to the executive correspondence team)

#### **4). Future cases**

We need to be clear what the process is from now on in case we're asked by MPs.

### **Timeline of Activity**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Target Group</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Statement in Parliament	
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	James Arbuthnot MP meeting to discuss process moving forward.	JA and Second Sight
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Workshop to discuss process with JA, SS, JFSA and external lawyers.	
July	SSM notified of MPs who have referred a case or who have a case in their constituency being reviewed by Second Sight.	SSMs – monitor activity / flag issues and opportunities
July	Email from JA explaining new process to MPs that raised a case after Jo's statement in Parliament.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New cases</li> </ul>
July - August	Letter from Mark D explaining the Second	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MPs that have raised a case</li> </ul>

	Sight Process (including meeting to discuss output of the case) – will also offer meeting	as part of the Second Sight Investigation
	Letter from Mark D notifying and explaining the Second Sight Process – will also offer a meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MPs that have a case being reviewed by second sight</li> </ul>
October	Second Sight report published (TBC)	TBC
October - January	Meeting with individual MP and SS to discuss case review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MPs that have raised a case as part of the Second Sight Investigation</li> <li>• MPs that have a case being reviewed by second sight</li> </ul>
On-going	Briefing and assurance of Second Sight Process (with offer to answer questions / meet)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MPs expressing an interest / commenting in the media</li> <li>• MPs expressing an interest / commenting on social media</li> <li>• MPs expressing an interest / commenting in Parliament</li> <li>• MPs correspondence (to the executive correspondence team)</li> <li>• Live cases – MP may not be aware but is their constituent</li> <li>• Historical Cases</li> </ul>

Any new cases raised will follow the reviewed process (as mentioned above).

#### **Annex A: MP engagement to-date**

- Including Jo Swinson, there are **37 MPs that have engaged with Horizon so far** (excluding Arbuthnot dinner)
  - 21 Conservative
  - 12 Labour
  - 2 Democratic Unionist
  - 1 SNP
  - 1 Lib Dem (Jo Swinson)
- 19 MPs put a case forward
- 4 MPs have had a case put forward by the Post Office
- 17 MPs asked questions when Jo made a statement (excluding Ian Murray and Jo)

#### **MPs who have put forward a case**

1. James Arbuthnot (2), North East Hampshire, Conservative
2. Stephen Crabb, Preseli Pembrokeshire, Conservative
3. Jonathan Djanogly, Huntingdon, Conservative
4. Alan Duncan, Rutland and Melton, Conservative
5. George Freeman, Mid Norfolk, Conservative
6. Dai Havard (2), Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney, Labour
7. Oliver Letwin, West Dorset, Conservative

8. Lord Jonathan, Woking, Conservative
9. Alan Meale, Mansfield, Labour
10. George Osborne, Tatton, Conservative
11. Mike Wood, Batley and Spen, Labour
12. Andrew Tyrie, Chichester, Conservative
13. Mark Lazarowicz, Edinbrough North and Leith, Labour (co-op)
14. Greg Knight (2), East Yorkshire, Conservative
15. John Woodcock, Barrow and Furness, Labour (co-op)
16. Priti Patel, Witham, Conservative
17. Edward Leigh, Gainsborough, Conservative
18. Damien Hinds, East Hampshire, Conservative
19. Kevin Barron, Rother Valley, Labour

**MPs who have a constituent involved in a case that the post office put forward**

1. Stewart Jackson, Peterborough, Conservative
2. Andrew Bridgen, North West Leicestershire, Conservative
3. Brian Binley, Northampton South, Conservative
4. Nicholas Brown, Newcastle Upon Tyne East, Labour

James Arbuthnot Dinner on the 9<sup>th</sup> July attendees:

- James Arbuthnot (2), North East Hampshire, Conservative
- Oliver Letwin, West Dorset, Conservative
- Tessa Munt (not included elsewhere), Wells, Lib Dems

**Jo Swinson statement in Parliament**

Government: Jo Swinson, Postal Affairs Minister, East Dunbartonshire, Lib Dem

Shadow: Ian Murray, Edinbrough South, Labour

Questions asked by:

- Mike Wood (has a case) Batley and Spen, Labour
- Jonathon Djanogly (has a case), Huntingdon, Conservative
- Kevan Jones, North Durham, Labour
- Robin Walker, Worcester, Conservative
- Mike Weir, Angus, SNP
- Lord Jonathon, Woking, Labour (has a case)
- Russell Brown, Dumfries and Galloway, Labour
- Andrew Bridgen (has a case), North West Leicestershire, Conservative
- Huw Irranca-davies, Ogmore, Labour
- David Mowat, Warrington South, Conservative
- Cathy Jamieson, Kilmarnock and Loudoun, Labour
- Philip Hollobone, Ketley, Conservative
- David Simpson, Upper Bann, Democratic Unionist
- Peter Bone, Wellingborough, Conservative
- John Woodcock (has a case), Barrow and Furness, Labour (co-op)
- Jim Shannon, Strongford, Democratic Unionist
- Christopher Chope, Christchurch, Conservative