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The Prime Minister has seen Geoff Mulgan's minute of 20 May. The Prime Minister agrees that it would be extremely helpful if you could prepare a full assessment of the lessons to be learnt from this project, together with recommendations as to how we can avoid similar problems in the future.

Separately he would welcome advice on Geoff Mulgan's suggestion that one of the key problems here has been the failure of the Post Office to develop a proper business strategy. Does this raise serious questions about the strategy agreed in December? It would be useful to have a note setting out what still needs to be agreed before a White Paper can be published. I have asked Willy Rickett to take a meeting with Treasury and DTI on this issue.

GRO

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