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Subject: Mr Castleton's witness statements
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Dear Ruth,

I attach a set of papers we received from Mr Castleton yesterday, which includes his witness statements. Please can I ask you to review them and let me have your comments, particularly on the points below. It might be quickest if I just call you to discuss:

1. At para 27 of Christine Train's statement, she says you didn't leave until around 7pm on the first day's trading because it took you that long to produce the cash account and that "it was apparent that something was amiss form the length of time she spent on the phone and the number of calls she was making." Is this right?

2. At para 29 of Christine Train's statement she says that there was a constant queue and customers complained all day long at the length of time it took them to be served. Is this correct?

3. There were 2 lottery errors (1 claim, 1 charge error) that the P.O advises occurred on 23 March 2004 (the day of the audit) but which only came to light afterwards, so they are not included in the audit figures. They total £100.20 net and form part of the P.O's claim against Mr Castleton. At para 40 of Christine Train's statement, she says she went through your paperwork and found lottery tickets loose in an envelope that had not been entered which created the error notices. Do you remember if you did have those tickets (I assume she means receipts) amongst your paperwork?

4. At para 40 of Christine Train's statement, she also states that there is a summary on which you wrote the amount of cash received from the shop and that you made a mistake by not accounting to Mr Castleton for prize money paid out, or showing the balance as a gain. Is this correct?

5. At para 8 of Dorothy Day's statement she says the amount you had handwritten on the lottery transaction as having being taken from Mr Castleton had not had the prizes deducted even though they were shown on the account. She wonders why you weren't over by this amount at the final balance. Should you have been?

6. At para 9 of Dorothy Day's statement, she says the cash account had been rolled over twice with 2 final balance tally rolls produced at different times of day. Is this correct?

Kind regards.

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