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Looks ok to me

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Subject: Castleton's counter offer P.O -v- Castleton URGENT URGENT

You will all be pleased to know that the solicitors acting for Castleton have substantially accepted our counter proposal. I attach a copy of their letter.

Castleton is not prepared to have judgement entered against him because he claims it would prejudice his future career prospects and so the claim will be settled by way of a Tomlin Order. This means that if anybody searched the Court records all they would see is a record that the claim was resolved but the detail of the same is kept private.

Castleton is prepared to make an open statement that POL can use as it chooses exonerating the HORIZON system. I now need your assistance over the form of wording that POL would like to see in that statement.

I have prepared a short statement but would be very grateful for any improvements which you can suggest. We need to have a settled form of words to go back to Castleton's solicitors as soon as possible. This settlement is still without prejudice and does not formally conclude the action until it is signed so we must endeavour to get it signed as soon as possible.

"I Mr L Castleton the former postmaster at Marine Drive Post Office admit that a sum of money was owed by me to Post Office Ltd as a result of errors which arose whilst I was the postmaster at the above office. I had thought that this debt arose due to a malfunction of the HORIZON system but I know accept that I was mistaken and that the debt arose out of human error. I declare that the HORIZON system did not contribute to the errors in any way and formally withdraw all statements I made to the contrary."

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