

Phone call – Ian Henderson

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Follow-up to Ian's meeting with the Post Office (Susan Layton (?), head of legal, and Alwen Lyons, company secretary) following JNA meeting with Alice Perkins yesterday, Tuesday 19 March.

Lead-up to meeting, Monday 25 March, 5pm, Room N, PCH.

Issues to discuss:

1. Is there any clear evidence available yet that would make any prior conviction unsafe?

- Post Office reaction to preliminary findings – they don't believe anything is wrong with Horizon (they are ready if processes (training, helpdesk, etc.) will need refinement)
- Need to clarify in JNA's mind what it is in thematic terms that Second Sight says is happening

2. Need to be clear what ought / ought not be reported in the meeting on Monday

- Post Office very concerned that any opinion being formed by Second Sight at this stage is being communicated
- PO stance – Second Sight should not be expressing an opinion, not least as PO hasn't had right of reply

3. Proposal to focus on 2 cases and produce a result that could then drive process forward

- Longevity of investigations – concern coming from MPs and Post Office
- (Mike Wood MP's comment on when is this going to end, Alice Perkins' comment on limit of Post Office willingness to continue funding investigations)

4. Deadline for cases

- a. Alice mentioned end of February. This is news to JNA and will be news to MPs

Meeting on Monday

- PO won't attend
- Alice Perkins writing an open letter to JNA that will be distributed at meeting
- PO looking at what needs to be achieved and by when from its perspective before it can attend a meeting to discuss matter with MPs, but looking at sometime in June