

## **Post Office cases meeting**

**17.00, 25 March 2013**

**Room N, Portcullis House**

### **Speaking notes**

- Welcome everyone
- Purpose of meeting is to update MPs on how investigations are going
- **Chatham House Rule please – will be discussing live cases and live investigations, easy to prejudice outcome**
- Extremely important issue
- Acknowledge the very important input from the Post Office without which none of this work would be underway
- Alice Perkins and the Post Office
  - great deal of thanks owed to Alice Perkins
  - dealt with an uncomfortable matter with honesty
  - straightforward approach is a real asset
  - vision and willingness to fund the investigations commendable
  - letter from the Post Office
    - Post Office position is that it has not been given the opportunity to comment on what has been found thus far
    - thus we must not pre-judge matters before this has occurred
    - not helpful to issue press releases now, but this time will come
- Shoosmiths – Tadge Channer and Rose Donoghue
  - kept the flame alive from early on when no-one else was interested
  - firm is closely associated with the issue, and continues to be so
- Alliance for Justice for SubPostmaster and Postmistresses – Alan Bates
  - selfless work in promoting the interests of those who feel they have been wrongly accused
- Kay Linnell – independent auditor of the investigations
  - a fine second pair of eyes on the work of Second Sight
- Second Sight – Ian Henderson and Ron Warmington
  - seriously experienced forensic accountants
  - impressed with what I have heard so far

- turn to them now