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Subject: RE: Horizon PQs
Attachment: 1676 (Ian Murray - Chair of Horizon group).rtf
Attachment: 1677 (Ian Murray - meeting with POL about Horizon).rtf
Attachment: 1679 (Ian Murray - publication date of final report).rtf

Hi Belinda

Many thanks for your helpful reply.

I've attached my draft answers which I hope use the correct terminology. I would welcome your and Mike's comments on these. Can you please include the date of the first meeting of the Working Group in the first answer?

Many thanks and best wishes
Peter

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Thanks Martin

In answer to the specific questions raised by Peter:

Sir Anthony Hopper has been appointed as the independent chair of the Working Group overseeing the Initial Mediation Scheme for Subpostmasters. Press release will issue today.
The Working Group has met.

Peter, please note the terminology – I would be keen to ensure that even though the questions have been phrased using the incorrect terminology, we rectify that in our responses. Specifically, we have an independent chair of a Working group which is overseeing an Initial Mediation Scheme.

I would also like Mike Granville to confirm he's content before we finalise any response on this.

Best wishes
Belinda

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Copying to Belinda to respond (thanks Belinda!)

From: Batten Peter (ShEx) [mailto:[GRO]] [GRO]
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Dear all,

We have received four Named Day PQs from Ian Murray relating to Horizon. There are quite tight deadlines applied to Named Day PQs, and there are a couple of questions I would be grateful if you could look at quickly and get back to me by the end of today.

- Has Sir Anthony Hooper been formally appointed, can we reference this in an answer to a PQ?
- Has the independent mediation group held its first meeting yet, or do you have a date for when it will?

For reference, Murray's questions are:

1. who will chair the review that will determine how best to adjudicate future disputed cases with regards to the Horizon system; and whether the review body has yet met
2. what recent discussions he has had with Post Office Limited regarding the Horizon system
3. when (a) he, (b) Ministers in his Department and (c) officials in his Department met the Justice for Subpostmasters Alliance
4. when he expects Second Sight to produce its final report on the Post Office Limited Horizon system

Many thanks
Peter

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