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Dear Tony,

Thank you for making time at short notice to talk to me last Friday. It was greatly appreciated.

Jane MacLeod has written to you today confirming our decisions on Post Office's approach to mediation and the closure of the Working Group. You should also have received a copy of our press notice and confirmation that other members of the Working Group were informed of our decisions ahead our announcement.

I am writing separately to follow up some of the points we discussed last week. Firstly, I have reflected on your comments on our approach to applicants in the Scheme with a conviction. In our announcement, we have confirmed will continue to look at each case individually and consider their suitability for mediation or potentially a discussion with the applicant.

I also want to confirm that the Scheme's Secretariat will remain in place to complete the actions agreed at the last Working Group, including outstanding correspondence, answer enquiries from applicants and to work with CEDR to administer the timely mediation of cases. The Secretariat has collated a list of actions that were outstanding at the time the Working Group closed and proposals for dealing with them for your agreement. They will send these through. In addition, they would be pleased to offer you any support you require to complete any outstanding tasks or on any other issues that you feel are required or appropriate. Please do let them know.

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Finally, I wanted to restate my thanks for your advice, patience and skill in having got the Scheme to this point. Your leadership of the Working Group has been invaluable and I am very grateful.

With best wishes,

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Paula Vennells
Chief Executive