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A response ....



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**From:** Tim Parker  
**Sent:** 24 June 2016 16:52  
**To:** Jane MacLeod  
**Subject:** Re: Letter to Minister regarding the Litigation

Dear Jane

Thank you very much for the update. I understand the new timetable for sending a letter and will await developments.

Best

Tim

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From: Jane MacLeod <[jane.macleod@gro](mailto:jane.macleod@gro)>

Sent: Friday, June 24, 2016 3:41 pm

Subject: Letter to Minister regarding the Litigation

To: Tim Parker **GRO**

Tim,

Further to my email below, we have now had further discussions with the Minister's office about how best to communicate the decision to end the work on the Review and focus on the litigation.

BIS officials remain of the view that they wish to prepare the ground with the Minister face to face before any letter is sent. They have suggested that it might useful for you and Richard Callard to have a word about Ministerial handling in the margins of next week's Board meeting. This seems sensible since it will, presumably, be a bit clearer by then whether any relevant Ministerial reshuffle will take place in the aftermath of yesterday's vote.

Accordingly, my recommendation is that, subject to that conversation with Richard, we send the letter to the Minister in week commencing 4 July.

As ever, do call if you wish to discuss.

Kind regards

Jane



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**From:** Jane MacLeod  
**Sent:** 21 June 2016 17:29  
**To:** Tim Parker  
**Subject:** Letter to Minister regarding the Litigation

Tim

Following our conversation last week, I now attach the letter of advice addressed to Post Office Limited received from Bond Dickinson, and which summarises the advice received from Antony de Garr Robinson QC. We have also been in discussion with BIS as to the best way for this to be raised with the Minister.

In conversations today with the Minister's office, they have confirmed that they understand (and indeed had anticipated) the need for prioritising the litigation and therefore for work to cease on your review, however we have been advised that they wish to consider further the choreography – in particular:

- The Minister is (understandably) somewhat pre-occupied this week with the Referendum and other matters. There is also the risk that Ministerial responsibilities may change depending on the outcome of the Referendum. Accordingly the Minister's office believes it may be better to delay the communication until next week.
- They are considering the best way to update the Minister and whether her officials should provide the Minister (and possibly the Secretary of State) with a briefing ahead of receiving the letter.

Accordingly I have prepared (and now attach) a suggested letter for you to consider. I will update you on the suggested choreography once we have received further advice from the Minister's office – which we expect tomorrow.

Kind regards,

Jane

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