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From: Amanda Brown [GRO]
on behalf of Amanda Brown [GRO]
Sent: 24/05/2016 10:35:25
To: Thomas P Moran [GRO]; Tom Wechsler [GRO]; Mark R Davies [GRO]; Nick Sambridge [GRO]; Patrick Bourke [GRO]; Angela Van-Den-Bogerd [GRO]; Rob Houghton [GRO]
CC: Rodric Williams [GRO]; Sonia Petrou [GRO]; Louise Chatfield [GRO]
Subject: FW: Postmaster Litigation Steering Group - SUBJECT TO LEGAL PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGE - DO NOT FORWARD
Attachments: PLSG Agenda.docx

Hi

Following on from Rod's email below the earliest dates I can find (due to a few people on leave next week) are:-

07/06 between 12.30 – 16.00
 08/06 10.00 – 11.00 or 10.30 -11.30

Can you let me know which is the best for you.

Kind regards

Amanda

From: Rodric Williams
Sent: 23 May 2016 17:57
To: Tom Wechsler; Mark R Davies; Rob Houghton; Nick Sambridge; Patrick Bourke; Angela Van-Den-Bogerd
Cc: Jane MacLeod; Thomas P Moran; Amanda Brown
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All,

This email is being sent to you as members of the Litigation Steering Group set up to help Post Office respond to the High Court claim made by 91 mostly former postmasters. Apologies if this is the first you are hearing of this – I have tried to contact each of you to let you know this email is coming, and am available to discuss this with you directly as you may require.

The Claim

The Claim alleges that an imbalance of power between postmasters and Post Office, particularly with regard to Horizon branch accounting, has caused the 91 claimants damage for which they want financial compensation. It is possible that more claimants will join the claim in due course.

Most of you are familiar with the allegations, which include poor postmaster training and support, Fujitsu's ability to alter remotely branch transactions, improper criminal prosecutions, and putting undue pressure on postmasters to make up shortfalls. Please however let me know if you'd like more detail before the first Steering Group meeting (as to which see further below).

The Steering Group

The Claim potentially poses significant legal, financial, operational and reputational risk to Post Office. Our response to it must therefore be informed by more than purely legal considerations. To do this, GE has decided to establish a

Steering Group headed by Tom Moran and comprising senior members from affected parts of the business. The Steering Group will then support and instruct the Legal team in its day-to-day management of the Claim.

The Steering Group's work will develop and change as the litigation progresses. To begin with, the Steering Group will meet once every two weeks for an hour to work through a standard agenda (see attached).

Next Step – First Meeting

We need to hold the first meeting as soon as possible given the timetables that are imposed on us by the claim. Amanda will coordinate this, and I would be grateful if you please do all that you can to facilitate holding the first meeting before the end of next week, ideally at a time we can set as a recurring diary entry.

I will circulate draft Terms of Reference for the Steering Group shortly. Please contact me if you have any questions in the meantime.

With thanks for your support, Rod



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