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Subject: Read out - Phone call to discuss Post Office Litigation

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Hi all,

Please find below the readout for this morning's phone call between Kelly and officials to discuss the Post Office litigations. Please shout if I have missed anything.

Attendees

BEIS:

- Kelly Tollhurst
- Carl Cresswell (Director, PBS, Retail and Post)
- Shanice Swales (Private Office)

UKGI:

- Tom Cooper
- Richard Watson

Key points and actions

- CC introduced the meeting explaining that the purpose of the meeting was to talk through advice on the settlement offer for the Post Office litigation, and seek KT's agreement in principle
- KT agreed that a way forward is needed and after reviewing the advice sent across on Friday, **KT agreed with the advice and recommendations**
- UKGI colleagues confirmed that the first of two judgements will be made on Friday at midday, with the second expected to be roughly within the next week or so
- For the second judgement, we will be given 24 hours-notice
- **ACTION – Private Office to set up a call between KT and officials as soon as we have notice of the judgements**
- KT stressed that a steer on communications is needed, to ensure KT and SofS are clear what they can say publicly
- Clearance now needs to be sought from the Perm Sec and no10 need to be updated on the current position – **ACTION – UKGI to draft a note on this for no10 as soon as possible, to be circulated to SofS office**

Many thanks,
Shanice



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