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Subject: RE: Nigel Boardman to continue to Project Sparrow OFFICIAL SENSITIVE

Hi Beth

Thanks for the update on this. We've alerted Kelly and will let you know when we hear back.

Thanks

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From: White, Beth (Better Regulation Executive) [GRO]
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OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - LEGAL/COMMERCIAL

Jess, Ben

You will recall the Minister requested that Nigel Boardman, BEIS' Non Executive Director and Chair of BEIS' Audit and Risk Committee to engage with POL on their ongoing litigation issues.

Today, in order to help him understand the issues, Nigel attended a meeting between HMT, BEIS and UKGI. This also updated HMT colleagues on the situation, and settlement timetables/approaches and possible quantum, which whilst not currently clear, we agreed a way forward to having more of the evidence we need to support decisions by Ministers around settlement.

This 3-way group will continue meeting into the Autumn as we develop the business case for supporting the funding of any settlement.

Nigel has offered, if BEIS would find it useful, to continue to provide support to this group where appropriate, in addition to his meeting with POL which is scheduled for early September.

We valued his input today, and would be supportive of his continued engagement. Could you confirm that the Permanent Secretary and Minister are happy for this to continue?

Kind regards

Beth

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