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Hi all,

Further to discussions with Tim last week I just wanted to get the key officials all on one chain regarding POL and management of historical liability claims that have flowed out of the GLO. I think I have everyone but please do cc in anyone I have missed.

We have discussed the attached concept paper with POL who have now taken it away and are working up the options, practicalities etc. to take to the POL Board on the 28 July. We have given the feedback we have received from officials to POL so once we get something from POL I will share it with the wider group for discussion and to decide on next steps.

Separate, but related to this, is in regard to funding these liabilities and the upcoming Spending Review. Next week we aim to go to Ministers outlining our thinking on how to compensate postmasters who have had their convictions overturned and I will be working up a draft strategic case for such a scheme to feed into the BEIS planning process. We will shortly engage POL and their external lawyers to see what the scheme could look like and put the work on their radar.

We have also been engaging with other officials to discuss similar schemes, lessons learnt etc. to feed into the thinking.

As things pick up and ideas develop I imagine we will have more formal "Working Group"-esque discussions but for now, thank you for engaging with the process and I will update you as and when we hear more.

Have a good weekend,

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