

From: James Arbuthnot [GRO]

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To: Callanan, Minister (Private Office) [GRO]

Subject: The Clarke Advice to the Post Office

Dear Martin,

On Wednesday 18 November the Court of Appeal considered a piece of advice written by a barrister, Simon Clarke, in 2013 for the Post Office. According to Brian Altman QC, acting for the Post Office, this advice - which was apparently to the effect that the evidence of Gareth Jenkins (a former senior Fujitsu Horizon engineer) was wrong - was disclosed to Aria Grace solicitors (acting for three appellants) by Peters and Peters solicitors (acting for the Post Office) last week. As you know, the judge in the Horizon litigation referred Mr Jenkins' evidence to the DPP.

In 2013 I and other MPs were in full flow of the discussion with Paula Vennells and Alice Perkins about the unsafe nature of the Horizon convictions. We should have been told about this document, but I have not yet seen it. Please will you immediately send me a copy, and place it in the library of both Houses?

Yours ever,

James

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