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**Subject:** RE: The Clarke Advice to the Post Office

Dear Paul,

It is now more than three weeks since I drew to your attention that the Post Office, which your department owns and for which you are responsible, lied to Parliament on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015. The lie went to the heart of the BIS Committee's inquiry, and the effect of it must have been to deny to the subpostmasters evidence and an argument about a lack of safety of their convictions which might have helped them in their defence. The Post Office then went on to perpetuate the lie in the evidence they adduced and the arguments they made in the High Court, costing the taxpayer well over £100 million.

I am disappointed that, despite the importance of the matter and the fact that you are responsible for the Post Office, you have given me no response whatever. I am therefore writing to the Chair of the BEIS Select Committee to see what the Committee might be able to do in the matter.

Yours ever,

James

From: The Rt Hon the Lord Arbuthnot of Edrom  
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