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**Sent:** Wed 07/07/2021 5:00:48 PM (UTC)  
**To:** Rosa Prince [GRO]  
**Subject:** RE: The House coverage  
**Attachment:** House Magazine July 2021.docx

Dear Rosa,

I attach what is very much a first draft of an article about the Post Office. Please would you let me know your thoughts as I hone it? I hope it roughly meets your needs.

Best wishes,

James

From: The Rt Hon the Lord Arbuthnot of Edrom

[GRO]

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**From:** Rosa Prince

**Sent:** 22 June 2021 19:40

**To:** James Arbuthnot

**Subject:** RE: The House coverage

Dear Lord Arbuthnot,

Please don't worry – I quite understand your frustration. And I'm so pleased you're available to write for us.

Our opinion pieces run to 600 words. We actually only have one print edition of The House left before recess. If you were able to write by then, we would need the article by July 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>. Failing that, we could run a piece in the first edition after recess in September, or in the online magazine at any time.

As for a topic, I was thinking you might want to focus on the seeming delays in the compensation scheme, which has apparently only repaid 400 sub postmasters to date, with 2,000 having applied: <https://www.bbc.com/news/business-57523644>

But you may well be more up-to-date than me in terms of where we are, particularly with regard to any legislative redress or movement in committees or inquiries, so more than happy if you'd like to suggest an alternative angle.

With very best wishes,

Rosa



Rosa Prince

Editor, The House magazine

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**From:** James Arbuthnot [GRO]

**Sent:** 22 June 2021 15:29

**To:** Rosa Prince [GRO]

**Subject:** RE: The House coverage

Dear Ms Prince,

My apologies for my last email. I withdrew it shortly after sending it, because it was gratuitously rude and offensive – I don't know what came over me. It was very kind of you to reply so graciously.

Still, having said that, yes, I'd be delighted to write something for you. How many words, any particular angle, and when by?

Yours sincerely, with renewed apologies,

James Arbuthnot

From: The Rt Hon the Lord Arbuthnot of Edrom

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**From:** Rosa Prince [GRO]

**Sent:** 17 June 2021 14:48

To: James Arbuthnot [GRO]

Subject: FW: The House coverage

Dear Lord Arbuthnot,

Daniel Bond has passed your message on to me as he has moved to working in another part of the company and I am now the Editor of The House.

I agree with you that the Horizon scandal is absolutely appalling and that we should have covered this issue before now, and as such I am keen to rectify the oversight.

Might it be something you would have time for – we would gladly take an op ed from you on the subject for a forthcoming edition of The House. If you are too busy, perhaps you could suggest a fellow parliamentarian would might be interested in taking it on.

With kind regards,

Rosa Prince



Rosa Prince

Editor, The House magazine

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From: James Arbuthnot [GRO]

Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 7:00 pm

To: Daniel Bond

Cc: JONES, Kevan; FELLOWS, Marion; ALLAN, Lucy

Subject: The House coverage

Dear Mr Bond,

Many thanks for sending me the most recent copy of The House. It reminds me to ask you when you last gave full coverage to the Post Office Horizon scandal. I cannot remember such coverage, which seems odd given that it is the largest number of miscarriages of justice ever to be considered by the Criminal Cases Review Commission, the cost of compensation will probably run to hundreds of millions of pounds, the lives of hundreds of postmasters have been ruined and some people have committed suicide. And all of this perpetrated by an organisation owned by the Government and abetted by one of the largest suppliers to the Government, Fujitsu. In any normal publication I would have expected it to feature rather prominently.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

James Arbuthnot

From: The Rt Hon the Lord Arbuthnot of Edrom

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