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Tom/Gareth

Questions:

- Should we be putting maximum energy into these cases bearing in mind the current questions relating to the integrity of the Horizon system?
- If so, how do we man and fund it?
- Both the attachments to this note and that provided in the West Byfleet e-mail are pretty worrying, to say the least.

Penny

Penny,

I've now read through this report. I agree that there probably needs to be some further investigation here. However I'm also aware that this is potentially highly political. Therefore I'm not sure how best to address this. We don't really want to be seen to be undermining a POL prosecution!

I think the report does raise a number of questions and without a detailed analysis of the various transactions over the period described (it's about 6 to 9 months) it is difficult to progress. The cost of such an analysis is likely to be high. We did some similar analysis over a two month period for a Defence Accountant about a year ago and were paid for it (Pete Sewell set it up - Anne did most of the hard work and I presented it to the accountant). I think we need some management guidance on this.

Regards

Gareth

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Report 19 10 09 - DEFENCE EXPERT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ATTACHED (SAME EXPERT AS WEST BYFLEET CASE)

REQUEST FROM DEFENCE - ACCOUNTANT'S EXPERT REQUESTS

Dear Juliet McFarlane,

Thank you for your time on the phone this morning.

I appreciate your agreement to assist me as the IT expert instructed in this case to obtain from the Post Office or their Horizon system service providers Fujitsu:

1. Access to the appropriate person with whom I can discuss how to

access an unencrypted version of the transaction files held on the sub-post office terminals related to the Hosi case.

2. Access to the appropriate person with whom I can discuss the structure of the transaction files, the mechanisms by which they are synchronized with the central system and the records held centrally.
3. An unencrypted copy of full transaction log of the sub-post office terminals related to the Hosi case.
4. An unencrypted copy of the corresponding records held by the central system

I am happy for the relevant person to contact me direct using my e-mail or mobile phone number in the first instance.

As I am sure you will appreciate, Jeffrey Davidson, in his accountant's expert report, has identified some unusual features in the pattern of accounting discrepancies, and in the limited window available before 2nd February, time is of the essence in investigating whether these unusual features relate to the actual pattern of underlying transactions and possible system problems.

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