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Hi Sam,

Further to last week's ministerial meeting on POL, I attach **POL's summary of media coverage** since the Trial started (5 November) to bring the Minister and others up to speed. Thereafter, we'll forward a weekly media update (is Friday or Monday best?).

As regards **POL's legal updates**, their legal team is submitting these in accordance with the trial timetable, which I think makes sense. The different phases of the first trial (Common Issues Trial) conclude as follows:

14/11/18: cross-examination of claimants' witnesses concluded (POL update attached)
26/11/18: cross-examination of POL's witnesses concluded (POL update due shortly)
27-30/11/18: court not sitting
6/12/18: closing submissions (POL will provide update soon after)

I should also stress that POL's legal team are wholly responsible for the contents of these legal updates (we're unable to follow the trial on a daily basis and offer an opinion on it).

We do not yet have the timetable for the **2nd trial (Horizon Trial)** but would expect POL to provide updates on a similar basis.

I hope this is ok but let me know if you'd like to discuss anything further.

Regards,

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Subject: Follow-on actions from yesterday's meeting

Hi Sam,

Thanks to the Minister for her time yesterday, detailed below are the follow-on actions (Both Sams' please let me know if I have missed anything).

- Weekly briefings as the litigation case progresses (verbal and written updates) **(UKGI to action)**
- A face-to-face meeting with Tom Cooper **(UKGI to action, Tom Aldred and Gavin Lambeth can also possibly attend)**
- Further information around the franchising process and local issues particularly regarding accessibility, service provision, etc. As such, going forward the Minister wants direct briefing from POL on franchising cases **(Sam White and team to action)**
- An understanding of who invests when POL franchises with a retailer – (I have checked with POL on this point, and they say it is a joint investment but the exact split is dependent on the contract and commercial agreement – they will provide more information when the request is commissioned) **(Sam White and team to action)**
- An understanding of the breakdown of the £17million fall in sub postmaster remuneration **(Sam White and team to action)**

Thanks,
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