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Subject: RE: Post Office Litigation Meeting readout (17 October)

Sam

With thanks to Richard from our legal team, I can provide the following update for the minister.

We were pleased with how the meeting went and POL were also glad to have had the opportunity to provide their perspective of the litigation. POL have shared their legal advice with UKGI and neither this nor the meeting change the picture we presented in our previous briefing. The first trial starts next week (Wednesday). This will determine the proper meaning of the contract between POL and its agents. The trial is likely to last a few weeks and our best estimate is that the court's judgement would not be expected until the new year. Our lawyers will be leading the internal Whitehall work that will be necessary to ensure that the Minister has advice on settlement options in due course. They are already liaising closely with BEIS Legal. The legal arguments in the first trial are complex and our lawyers will be keeping close to developments as the case progresses.

Tom

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Hi all,

With thanks to Richard for putting this together, please find attached a readout on the recent Post Office litigation meeting.

One of the actions from the meeting was for POL to share its legal advice with the BEIS legal team in order for the Department to reach its own conclusions on any potential settlement. Kelly has since raised this with me again and has asked for an update from UKGI officials on their perspective on the progress of the litigation and how the meeting went.

Tom – would your team be able to provide an update/views on the litigation for next week? I presume the legal team will have to consider the settlement in slower time? Can you confirm whether POL have shared their legal advice yet?

Many thanks,
Sam



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