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D2E0-4DEC-94EA-591DFA651F2E] [GRO]  
**Sent:** 16/08/2013 08:41:10  
**To:** Lesley J Sewell [GRO]  
**CC:** Andy Holt [GRO]  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent - please read  
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Lesley

There are many misleading opinions, but there is nothing that I can find that is factually inaccurate, the journalist has been very careful in his choice of words. [I would ignore the misunderstanding that the SISD procurement is for a replacement of Horizon as I think it is irrelevant]

I don't think we should try to respond with pick picking technical corrections but rather stay above the fray by saying that Post Office, as stated previously, is committed to address these issue by working collaboratively with JFSA and subpostmasters. If any ex-subpostmaster would like to raise concerns they should do so via the JFSA who will work with the subpostmaster to ensure the case is properly dealt with. Or something like that.

Regards, Simon

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**From:** Gina Gould  
**Sent:** 16 August 2013 09:21  
**To:** Simon Baker  
**Subject:** FW: Urgent - please read

Simon

Lesley has asked if you can have a look at this article and if you can comment on the technical points, asap.

Thanks  
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Gina Gould I PA to Lesley Sewell Chief Information Officer

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**From:** Lesley J Sewell  
**Sent:** 16 August 2013 08:25

**To:** Andy Holt  
**Cc:** Simon Baker; Gina Gould  
**Subject:** Fwd: Urgent - please read

Andy

There are a number of technical points in this article which we need to respond too so that Mark has briefing notes.

Can we catch up briefly today.

Thx

Gina can you please pen a copy of the article - thx

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Mark R Davies <[GRO](#)>  
**Date:** 15 August 2013 22:14:41 BST  
**To:** Susan Crichton <[GRO](#)>, Simon Baker  
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All

Please see this blog posted by a freelance journalist and tweeted tonight by Matt Prodger from the BBC. In it, Alan Bates announces the mediation panel.

<http://becarefulwhatyouwishfornickwallis.blogspot.co.uk/2013/08/post-office-2nd-sight-report-into.html?m=1>

I think elements of the article are possibly actionable, and would like a legal view on that (though of course taking action of that kind would draw more attention to the story - but a view would be good). It is certainly skewed.

I think this underlines the need for a proactive approach next week.

It also contradicts of course the claim that Alan Bates made that he wouldn't be using the media.

Mark

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