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Sent: 01/11/2013 11:54:06
To: Batten Peter \ShEx) [REDACTED] GRO
CC: Belinda Crowe [REDACTED] GRO
Subject: RE: Horizon PQs

Hi Peter,

I have left a message for you. Could you please give me a ring when you have a moment please. I have read the PQ response which is not quite right.

Best wishes

Belinda

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From: Belinda Crowe
Sent: 29 October 2013 20:44
To: Batten Peter (ShEx); Martin Humphreys
Cc: Mike Granville; Martin Edwards; Sophie Bialaszewski; Belinda Crowe
Subject: RE: Horizon PQs

Peter

The Second Sight work has now been subsumed into the mediation scheme we have established. This scheme was specifically designed to address the concerns raised in the Second Sight report and is open to all subpostmasters and has been advertised. Any subpostmaster is entitled to make an application to the scheme, regardless of whether or not their case was previously under investigation by Second Sight. The scheme is being overseen by a working group with an independent chair. Second Sight is a member of the Working Party and will act as expert advisors to the group. Specifically each application to the scheme will be thoroughly investigated and Second Sight will do a report and recommendation to the working group on each case.

Best wishes

Belinda

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From: Batten Peter (ShEx) **GRO**
Sent: 29 October 2013 18:39
To: Martin Humphreys
Cc: Mike Granville; Belinda Crowe; Martin Edwards
Subject: RE: Horizon PQs

Martin, Belinda,

Many thanks for your work on these today. Very happy to accept your changes. However as a warning we maybe pushed relatively hard on the answer to the final question (about the expected timings of the final report). Can you please provide me some background on this point - which we obviously will treat confidentially.

Kind regards
Peter

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From: Martin Humphreys **GRO**
Sent: 29 October 2013 16:39
To: Batten Peter (ShEx)
Cc: Mike Granville; Belinda Crowe
Subject: FW: Horizon PQs

Peter

The draft PQ responses have been reviewed here and I attach tracked suggested amends to 1676 and 1679 (please can you check that these read ok once changes have been accepted as I have left the tracking so you can see the amends). There are no suggested changes to 1677.

Many thanks

Martin Humphreys | Government Affairs



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From: Batten Peter (ShEx) [REDACTED] **GRO**
Sent: 29 October 2013 12:32
To: Belinda Crowe; Martin Edwards; Angela Van-Den-Bogerd; Mike Granville; Martin Humphreys
Cc: Whitehead Mike (ShEx); Sophie Bialaszewski
Subject: RE: Horizon PQs

Hi Belinda

Many thanks for your helpful reply.

I've attached my draft answers which I hope use the correct terminology. I would welcome your and Mike's comments on these. Can you please include the date of the first meeting of the Working Group in the first answer?

Many thanks and best wishes
Peter

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From: Belinda Crowe [REDACTED] **GRO**
Sent: 29 October 2013 10:57
To: Martin Edwards; Batten Peter (ShEx); Angela Van-Den-Bogerd; Mike Granville; Martin Humphreys
Cc: Whitehead Mike (ShEx); Belinda Crowe; Sophie Bialaszewski
Subject: RE: Horizon PQs

Thanks Martin

In answer to the specific questions raised by Peter:

Sir Anthony Hopper has been appointed as the independent chair of the Working Group overseeing the Initial Mediation Scheme for Subpostmasters. Press release will issue today.

The Working Group has met.

Peter, please note the terminology – I would be keen to ensure that even though the questions have been phrased using the incorrect terminology, we rectify that in our responses. Specifically, we have an independent chair of a Working group which is overseeing an Initial Mediation Scheme.

I would also like Mike Granville to confirm he's content before we finalise any response on this.

Best wishes
Belinda

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From: Martin Edwards
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To: 'peter.batten' **GRO**; Angela Van-Den-Bogerd; Mike Granville; Martin Humphreys; Belinda Crowe
Cc: 'Mike.Whitehead' **GRO**
Subject: Re: Horizon PQs

Copying to Belinda to respond (thanks Belinda!)

From: Batten Peter (ShEx) **GRO**
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 10:25 AM
To: Angela Van-Den-Bogerd; Mike Granville; Martin Humphreys; Martin Edwards
Cc: Whitehead Mike (ShEx) **GRO**
Subject: Horizon PQs

Dear all,

We have received four Named Day PQs from Ian Murray relating to Horizon. There are quite tight deadlines applied to Named Day PQs, and there are a couple of questions I would be grateful if you could look at quickly and get back to me by the end of today.

- Has Sir Anthony Hooper been formally appointed, can we reference this in an answer to a PQ?
- Has the independent mediation group held its first meeting yet, or do you have a date for when it will?

For reference, Murray's questions are:

1. who will chair the review that will determine how best to adjudicate future disputed cases with regards to the Horizon system; and whether the review body has yet met
2. what recent discussions he has had with Post Office Limited regarding the Horizon system
3. when (a) he, (b) Ministers in his Department and (c) officials in his Department met the Justice for Subpostmasters Alliance
4. when he expects Second Sight to produce its final report on the Post Office Limited Horizon system

Many thanks

Peter

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