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Subject: Comments from Rob Wilson - Privileged & Confidential

Susan

The earliest Rob can speak to me is 3pm (I have told him you are meeting with Alice at 3:30pm). He has, however, sent over a few initial comments:-

- He has concerns regarding the PR implications over an audit being conducted. I guess the point here is carrying out an audit in response to the 'noise' surrounding the integrity of the Horizon system potentially looks reactive and will be seen as POL having lost confidence in the system.
- Rob also has concerns regarding the costs that would be incurred in carrying out an audit. Depending on the scope of that audit, the costs could potentially be significant.
- An audit commissioned by POL may not have the desired effect of curbing these challenges in any event. It will always be said that the audit was not independent. Ultimately the only way to avoid criticism would be to appoint a joint expert.
- Rob does not believe an audit would have a great impact on current prosecutions in the sense of finding a "smoking gun" which explains that the losses were due to computer error, but if POL is required to disclose that an expert has been appointed to conduct a review there would be a strong argument that the cases should be adjourned pending the outcome of that review. I will need to test with Rob the extent to which this would need to be disclosed.
- Rob remains firmly of the view that an audit should not be carried out. In his words: "POL has to grit its teeth and get on with prosecuting and defending civil actions".

Kind regards

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