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**From:** ARBUTHNOT, James [GRO]  
**Sent:** 13/09/2012 16:56:05  
**To:** Ian Henderson [GRO]; 'Ron Warmington' [GRO]  
**Subject:** Post Office cases  
**Attachments:** 13 September 2012 Alan Bates.docx; 6 September 2012 Alan Bates to JNA.pdf  
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Dear Ian and Ron,

I know that my office has been in touch with both of you and the Post Office over summer, passing on details of individual cases to the Post Office, who have passed these on to you. I have also had a letter from the Post Office agreeing to set aside £5000 for an independent forensic accountant to review the results of your investigations once they are available, and I have passed a copy of this letter to Mr Bates from the Justice for Subpostmasters Alliance.

I have now had a letter back from Mr Alan Bates of the Alliance, who believes there are some details which require clarification, and his agreement, in order for his group to be confident that the investigations are thorough and in line with what he believes is required. I attach a copy of his letter, and my reply to it, here.

I wonder if you might address his points about current and historic cases, and let me have your comments please? As you can appreciate, I am keen that we do have his cooperation if at all possible.

I shall also write to the Post Office asking for their comments on the points he raises that are relevant to them.

I should mention that I have already written to him stating that I do not want to interfere with the investigations, especially by dictating terms to the investigators who know their job far better than either he or I. That remains my position.

Many thanks for your help with this.

Yours ever,

James

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**From:** Ian Henderson [GRO]  
**Sent:** 05 July 2012 16:11  
**To:** WALKER, Janet  
**Cc:** 'Ron Warmington'  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with James and Alan Bates, from Justice for SubPostmasters Alliance

Janet

Just an observation about Kay Linnell.

I find her a rather surprising choice by Mr Bates. She is highly qualified and experienced but most of her background is in tax litigation. She was previously the Chief Investigating Accountant at the Inland Revenue. As far as I am aware she has no particular expertise in complex IT systems.

With best wishes

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**From:** WALKER, Janet [GRO]

**Sent:** 05 July 2012 16:00

**To:** Ron Warmington; Ian Henderson

**Subject:** RE: Meeting with James and Alan Bates, from Justice for SubPostmasters Alliance

Thank you very much indeed, Ron and Ian,

I have just left a message on Ron's phone. James is not concerned that Mr Bates is one of the people whose case is to be investigated; in fact he said he rather assumed that he was. I have yet to have confirmation back from him (Mr Bates) that he can attend the meeting with Miss Linnell, but as soon as I do, I shall let you both know.

I am out of the office for most of tomorrow, but am happy to talk on Monday, if you need any details.

Best wishes

Janet

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**From:** Ron Warmington [GRO]  
**Sent:** 05 July 2012 15:46  
**To:** Ian Henderson  
**Cc:** WALKER, Janet  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with James and Alan Bates, from Justice for SubPostmasters Alliance

Thanks Ian.

Sent from my iPhone

On 5 Jul 2012, at 15:23, "Ian Henderson" <[GRO]> wrote:

Janet

Thank you. I'm available for this meeting.

I attach a copy of Kay's CV for information.

With best wishes

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**From:** WALKER, Janet [GRO]  
**Sent:** 05 July 2012 15:00  
**To:** [GRO]  
**Subject:** Meeting with James and Alan Bates, from Justice for SubPostmasters Alliance

Dear Ron and Ian,

James wonders whether you might be willing to come to a meeting with Alan Bates, from the Justice for SubPostmasters Alliance? I know this was mentioned yesterday, and he would be most grateful if you could manage it.

We are looking at 5pm on 12 July, here in James' office. Would this suit at all?

Mr Bates is going to be accompanied by a forensic accountant, Miss Kay Linnell. I am afraid I have no other details about her, other than he is bringing her to advise on technical issues.

Please let me know whether you can make this, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards

Janet

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