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Rodric – Is this where we are at the moment?

Simon – Just for info ... you may recall I provide John Scott and cc Rob King (Senior Security Manager) with updates. Rodric has asked I submit my updates to him for onward transmission to John and Rob (no doubt proofreading my comments in the process). Below is my intended update following today's meeting. Not sure if you want sight of these (being fully in the loop) ... I won't copy you in again unless you specifically request.

John,

An update following Horizon Spot Review meeting Friday and today;

- The first 4 Spot Reviews have now been submitted to 2nd Sight after being signed off by Susan Crichton and Angela Van Den Bogerd. Initial feedback from 2nd Sight in relation to our responses has been positive, to such an extent that they are content for POL to conduct analysis on Horizon data and report our findings, as opposed to sending data to 2nd Sight for analysis/comments.
- The working group now have a further 5 Spot Reviews and we are progressing these. Actions have been allocated and a further face to face meeting of the working group is planned for Wednesday 22nd May, in addition to the weekly conference calls. The intention is to remain consistent and keep reported findings in the same format as the first 4 Spot Reviews.
- None of the Spot Reviews to date have found specific faults with Horizon, though in some instances the Horizon data is too old to retrieve and interrogate. Rather, it seems to be the processes and procedures adopted by branches that have caused them to think that Horizon was at fault.
- Some of the Spot Reviews appear somewhat lacking in gravity (e.g. selling a stamp, Horizon freezes and numerous receipts are generated). We are nevertheless dealing with the issues which come our way, irrespective of perceived significance. Simon Baker is contemplating a re-focus, with a view to asking 2nd Sight whether they want to flag up more serious examples, especially if suspensions or criminal investigations have been the end result of Horizon data concerns.
- I am identifying which Spot Reviews involved interviews under caution and prosecutions, supplying Rodric Williams with pertinent Investigation Reports where applicable. This enables him to have a more comprehensive picture of each Spot Review, as opposed to being restricted to the allegations/claims cited by the Subpostmasters in question. Rodric will use information contained in the Investigation Reports if/when/how he feels appropriate as we progress through the Spot Reviews.

Regards,

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