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Attachments: Raising Concerns with Horizon Document - POL signed 17.12.12.pdf
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Chris

When Second Sight was first appointed by Post Office and Members of Parliament in July 2012, a number of undertakings were given by POL in order to satisfy MPs that Second Sight would be able to conduct a truly independent investigation into the matters of concern.

Those undertakings included the following:

- Unrestricted access to documents held by POL (including documents subject to confidentiality and legal professional privilege)
- No limitation in the scope of work determined necessary by Second Sight

Those undertakings were reflected in the “*Raising Concerns with Horizon*” document signed by POL on 17 Dec 2012 (Attached). A key paragraph was:

In order to carry out the Inquiry, Second Sight will be entitled to request information related to a concern from Post Office Limited, and if Post Office Limited holds that information, Post Office Limited will provide it to Second Sight.

I am sure that many Subpostmasters and Applicants to the Mediation Scheme will have relied on that paragraph, when reporting matters to Second Sight.

As we have discussed in the context of POL's incomplete response to our Part 2 questions, POL is now seeking to challenge those undertakings and so far has not provided the information requested on a number of critical matters, including the Bracknell emails, prosecution documents and full details of transactions relating to the Suspense account.

Second Sight takes this matter very seriously and will not hesitate in raising this important non-compliance and integrity issue in the next version of our Part 2 Report and in written and oral evidence to the BIS Committee.

All of this can be resolved by POL taking all practical steps necessary to answer the questions put to it by Second Sight. If any questions raise particular difficulties, we are of course, happy to discuss an alternative approach.

I would be grateful if you would consider these matters before our meeting with POL's Finance team next week.

With best wishes

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