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Dear Sajid

Post Office Horizon Scandal

Earlier this year, I wrote to the Minister of State for Business about Mrs Banks of [REDACTED] **GRO** [REDACTED] (see enclosed copy.) She was only [REDACTED] when convicted of stealing £11,500 from Post Office counters. Ms Banks was sentenced to prison for six months and required to pay back the £11,500 in takings.

At the time of this representations, the Business Select Committee was taking evidence on this issue. I was also aware that many of my parliamentary colleagues had heard from their constituents with similar accounts. They expressed concerns about the management of the mediation scheme, and I was also worried to hear that the Post Office had been able to act as a prosecutor in these cases without the involvement of the Crown Prosecution Service.

During Prime Minister's Questions on 1st July 2015 (Hansard Column 1477,) the Prime Minister noted that the outcome from the Post Office's inquiry had not satisfied many Members on both sides of the House and the Under-Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills was tasked to convene a meeting to decide on future actions. Please advise me on the outcomes of the meeting and the Government's current stance on this issue. We ought not to tolerate this apparent injustice.

Yours sincerely

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