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Subject: OFF SEN COMMERCIAL: Post Office Information-sharing and Framework Document

Attachment: Annex A - information sharing provisions for Framework Document.docx

Attachment: Annex B - Group Litigation Protocol.pdf

Attachment: Annex C - Worker Status Litigation Protocol.docx

Attachment: Sub on Framework Doc Information Sharing Provisions.docx

Hi Jess,

As requested, please find attached a submission setting out improved information-sharing arrangements between Post Office and BEIS as Shareholder. This will be delivered through a new Framework Document, which will also help govern the relationship between Post Office and the Shareholder more widely. Please note that these arrangements have not yet been agreed with POL but we'll work with them to finalise the Document prior to the end of parliamentary recess and revert for the necessary approvals.

Regards,

Stephen

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Subject: RE: OFF SEN COMMERCIAL: Post Office Litigation - advice

Hi Tom,

Apologies, to be clear, the box that closes at 12pm today is for advice that requires a response before recess.

We aren't sure how things will play out next week but there is likely to be a box with things she will take away over recess.

Many thanks,
Jess



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Jess

I hadn't appreciated the final box was tomorrow at midday. We won't be in a position to share a full framework agreement draft, but we can share the information sharing provisions.

We will continue to work up the wider doc with POL.

Tom

Tom Aldred, Post Office Shareholder Team, UKGI

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Hi Eleanor,

Thank you for providing this update.

Kelly has asked if it would be possible for her to comment on the Draft Information Sharing Agreement before it goes to the board for sight. I saw it was in the DG updates to come to Kelly as a submission in July, please can I check if it will be ready for the last box which is tomorrow at 12pm?

If not, I don't suspect Kelly will want to hold up progression of the agreement particularly as it will only be in draft form at the July board meeting.

Many thanks,
Jess



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Dear Jess,

Updates on these points are below.

1. Options

- a. Have we received the action plan the Chair and Interim CEO agreed to provide? Tom Cooper and Richard Watson (UKGI) are meeting POL's lawyers on 18th July to discuss and we expect a finalised action plan shortly afterwards.
- b. She would like an update on the project they agreed to commission on how to structure and operate a settlement. This will be discussed at the 18th July meeting and an action plan will follow shortly afterwards.
- c. Please could you confirm if Richard is now sitting on/observing the POL Litigation subcommittee? This has been agreed in principle with POL. Richard is awaiting details of dates for future meetings and has asked to be included in the copy list for papers. We expect him to attend the group's next meeting once it is scheduled and plan to confirm at the meeting on 18th July.
- d. Has POL met with Nigel Boardman yet, or is a date agreed? Tom Cooper and Richard Watson are briefing Nigel Boardman on 14th August and we are trying to agree a date soon after that when he can meet POL and their lawyers. The action plans under (a) and (b) above will likely form the basis of Nigel's consideration of POL's strategy.

2. Information Sharing Framework Agreement

- a. She would appreciate an update on where we are in regard to the framework agreement and would like to see a draft document soon before 20th July. *We have accelerated work with POL to agree the overall text of the Shareholder Framework Agreement, which will include strong information-sharing provisions. We will share a draft with the minister before Recess, and prior to POL's Board in July. The final document will require approvals in BEIS, HMT and POL before it can be signed.*

Please excuse formatting - sending on my phone.

Best,

Eleanor



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Hi Carl,

I know there has been a lot of progress since this meeting and the advice provided; however Kelly has asked for a few updates on the litigation which are as follows:

1. Options

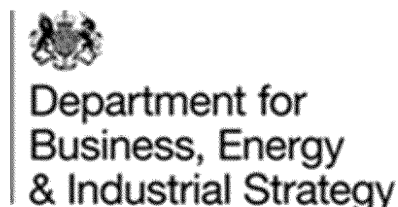
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Hi Bex and Sam,

Following last week's industry meeting, I attach our advice on the issues that the SoS and Kelly Tolhurst raised.

I would be grateful if this could be put to Ministers at an early opportunity, please. I understand it may be for discussion at tomorrow's industry meeting.

Many thanks to Craig Watson for all his work on this!

Carl.



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