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You asked for advice in relation to the Post Office Common Issues trial in advance of the judgment, now expected to be sent to the parties next week (w/c 4 March) and made public in the following week (w/c 11 March).

The attached submission provides:

- o an overview of the case and the wider context of an ongoing legal process
- o advice on whether to ask that ministers get early sight of the judgment
- o UQ rebuttal (annex A) and draft answers to initial and follow up questions (annex B)

Advice on the legal aspects has been provided by UKGI and BEIS legal.

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