

## Response to BEIS batch 1 - request for information

### 1. Request from the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry

#### *Timeline of appointments*

Please could you assist the Inquiry by providing a list of all BEIS Ministers and senior officials (including Permanent Secretary, Director General and Director level) who have had responsibility for the Post Office Limited, this is to include personnel/staff at UK Government Investment (UKGI) Board members.

- Please can this cover the last 10 years – 2010 – 2020.

### 2. Response from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and UK Government Investments (UKGI)

#### 2.1 Ministers

##### 2.1.1 Secretaries of State

*Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS)*

**Rt Hon Sir Vincent Cable:** 2010 – 2015

**Rt Hon Sajid Javid:** 2015 – 2016

*Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)*

**Rt Hon Greg Clark:** 2016 – 2019

**Rt Hon Andrea Leadsom:** 2019 – 2020

**Rt Hon Alok Sharma:** 2020 – Present

##### 2.1.2 Parliamentary Under Secretaries of State

*Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS)*

**Rt Hon Sir Edward Davey:** 2010 – 2012

**Rt Hon Norman Lamb:** 2012 – 2012

**Jo Swinson:** 2012 – 2013; 2014 – 2015

**Jenny Willott (Maternity Cover to Jo Swinson):** 2013 – 2014

**Baroness Lucy Neville-Rolfe:** 2015 – 2016

*Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)*

**Margot James:** 2016 – 2018

**Andrew Griffiths:** 2018 – 2018

**Kelly Tolhurst:** 2018 – 2020

**Paul Scully:** 2020 – Present

#### 2.2 Officials

The officials listed in this section have had responsibility for Post Office Limited (POL) over the past ten years (2010-2020). The below timeline sets out the context for their roles. Substantive responsibility for POL governance and policy were both with ShEx and then UKGI until 2018, when policy responsibility moved to BEIS. BEIS responsibility for POL 2016-2018 at Director General level was therefore primarily focussed on Finance.

**2010-2016:** The Shareholder Executive (ShEx) within BEIS was responsible for POL, reporting to the BEIS Permanent Secretary.  
**2016:** ShEx replaced by UKGI. Separate DG-level responsibility for POL introduced in BEIS.  
**2018:** The Post Office Policy Sponsor function was established in BEIS, which introduced Director and DG-level responsibility for Post Office policy in BEIS.

### 2.2.1 UKGI and ShEx

Please see a list of ShEx/UKGI\* senior employees who were appointed as the HMG representative Non-Executive director for Post Office Limited from April 2012 when it became independent of the Royal Mail Group.

**Susannah Storey:** April 2012 – March 2014\*\*

**Richard Callard:** April 2014 – March 2018

**Tom Cooper:** March 2018 – Present

*\* Until 1st April 2016 ShEx was part of BIS, but after that date UKGI became operational as a company owned by HMT and took over the functions of ShEx, with ShEx staff transferring to the new entity.*

*\*\* The first HMG representative NED to the newly formed POL Board in April 2012, Susannah Storey was an employee of ShEx and then appointed to DECC in March 2013. All subsequent HMG NED appointees were from ShEx/UKGI and also performed the head of shareholder team role.*

In addition, the following ShEx/UKGI senior employees acted as head of the shareholder team between 2010-2020:

**Oliver Griffiths:** July 2009 – September 2011

**Will Gibson:** September 2011 – December 2013

**Richard Callard:** January 2014 – January 2018

**Tom Cooper:** January 2018 – present, supported by three UKGI senior employees within the shareholder team over this period;

(a) **Richard Callard:** January 2018 – May 2018

(b) **Tom Aldred:** May 2018 – February 2020

(c) **Tim McInnes:** February 2020 – Present

### 2.2.2 BEIS officials

#### *Permanent Secretaries*

**Martin Donnelly:** 2010 – 2016

**Alex Chisholm:** 2016 – 2020

**Sam Beckett (acting):** 2020 – 2020

**Sarah Munby:** 2020 – present

#### *Directors General*

**Howard Orme:** 2016 (note: now deceased)

**Angie Ridgwell:** 2016 – 2018

**Gareth Davies:** 2018 – 2019

**Gavin Lambert (acting):** 2019

**Sarah Munby:** 2019 – 2020

**Mike Keoghan (acting):** 2020 – present

*Directors*

**Gavin Lambert:** 2018 – 2019

**Carl Creswell:** 2019 – present