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Sent: 31 January 2017 19:39
To: James MPST
Subject: RE: BEIS FORECAST FOR TUESDAY 31 JANUARY 2017

Yup, it is an accurate reflection of the press release the FT sent us. Have you seen it? Will forward on if noy

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Hi Claire

Just a quick one on the sub-postmaster story. Just want to be sure, is the below ruling accurate?

I was intending to flag with MJ tonight but I want to be sure the info is correct before I do

Thanks!
Claire



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FT: SUBPOSTMASTERS WIN PERMISSION TO SUE POST OFFICE OVER COMPUTER SYSTEM

A group of sub-postmasters who were previously sacked or prosecuted for incorrect balances on tills at Post Office branches have been granted permission by the High Court to pursue a collective action. The former sub-postmasters have claimed that mistakes were due to glitches in the Horizon IT system they were using and were not intentional attempts to steal cash from the company. The Justice for Sub-postmasters Alliance have been given six months to add any further postmasters to their group litigation and have released a press release with their legal representatives, Freeths.

Media handling:

Press office took a call from Michael Pooler at the FT this afternoon. In the first instance, all questions should be directed to the Post Office press team. If pushed, the below lines can be used.

LTT:

“This is a matter for Post Office Ltd. Please call their press office.”

If pushed:

“As this legal case is open, it is not appropriate for us to comment.”

GUARDIAN: FRANK FIELD SUBMITS GIG ECONOMY EVIDENCE TO MATTHEW TAYLOR REVIEW

The Guardian is expected to run a story in the morning based on evidence Frank Field, chairman of the work and pensions select committee, has submitted to the Matthew Taylor review on modern working practices. The evidence goes into areas including gig working, the minimum wage and Employment Agency Standards Inspectorate.

Media handling: The below line has been sent to the Guardian.

LTT:

A spokesperson for the Matthew Taylor Review said:

“As part of our country-wide evidence gathering tour we are considering whether employment practices need to change to keep pace with modern business models – including the gig economy and use of agency workers. It is also considering the implications of new forms of work on worker rights and responsibilities - as well as on employer freedoms and obligations.”

Background:

We have received this submission and will consider the recommendations as part of the Review.



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