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Hi Kelly,

As discussed, please see attached a submission for you to note on the POL Litigation.

Following approval from you and the CST to a proposal from the POL Board to authorise settlement of this Group litigation at a figure up to £65m, POL began a mediation with the Claimants on 27 November. Although initially scheduled for 2 days the parties have been making significant progress and the mediation is continuing. Officials had advised that the first mediation was unlikely to be successful, but – thanks to good progress – it is now possible that a positive settlement will be achieved within the authorisation provided. This submission updates you on the broad terms of that settlement.

The settlement is expected to be announced as soon as an agreement is reached. This could be as soon as tomorrow but in any event is likely to be before 16 December when the judgment in the Horizon trial will be handed down. Any announcement should be by a statement agreed between the parties to the Group litigation, but it is possible that news of any settlement will go public as soon as the mediation has completed.

**If you have any questions or would like to discuss this with officials/perm sec then please let me know. I will continue to keep you updated as this issue progresses.**

Many thanks,  
Jess



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