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Subject: Branch Trading data -Mr Bilku v Post Office Ltd

Dear All

We are dealing with a legal challenge from a Mr Bilku who claims that he was forced by POL to pay 10K over a period of years in order to be able to move onto the next branch trading period.

I am aware that postmasters should print out a copy of the branch trading statement after they have balanced and keep it for a period of two years.
Further under the postmasters contract we are entitled to see the accounting documents at any time.

However here we have a case where a postmaster has a lot to gain by alleging he has destroyed the branch trading statements as I believe he is required to certify that they are a true and accurate balance? Can you confirm if this is correct?

On the assumption that he has destroyed them is there any way that POL or Fujitsu can recreate them in their actual form from the data they presumably hold on their systems?

If that is impossible would it be possible for POL or Fujitsu to create a report detailing what information the branch trading statement would have contained?

Regards

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