

**Stephen Dilley**

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**From:** Mike.Mason [GRO]  
**Sent:** 28 November 2006 13:48  
**To:** Stephen Dilley  
**Cc:** Tom Beezer  
**Subject:** Re: Royal Mail -v- Castleton

I will be looking into the issue of the timing for the report. I know that Geoff had been working on it and that we were delayed during that period you were trying to reach settlement. In essence that is why it was not ready for Friday.

I will give you a ring - I am away from the office at the moment

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**From:** "Stephen Dilley" [GRO]  
**Sent:** 28/11/2006 09:06  
**To:** Mike Mason; Geoff Porter  
**Cc:** Tom Beezer [GRO]  
**Subject:** RE: Royal Mail -v- Castleton

Dear Mike and Geoff,

Thanks for your email.

As anticipated, the Court did not adjourn the trial at yesterday's pre trial review hearing.

As you know, the Court deadline for serving our expert's report was last Friday. Given that we didn't have the final (or even draft) report ready for yesterday's pre trial review, the Court refused permission to both parties to adduce any expert evidence. Geoff won't therefore be required to attend trial to give evidence. If your draft report is ready, please email it to me. If not, then please stand down from any further work.

I think it will be difficult for us now to recover from Mr Castleton the costs incurred in respect of your report given that we can't use it at trial. However, we will endeavour to do so. I would like to discuss this with you after judgment is given and the Court makes a costs order, if that's ok.

Kind regards.

28/11/2006

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**From:** Mike.Mason **GRO**

**Sent:** 28 November 2006 07:22

**To:** Tom Beezer

**Subject:** Re: Royal Mail -v- Castleton

Tom - Geoff Porter is preparing the report and has sent Stephen a summary of the main findings.

Geoff is still completing the work and it will be finalised this week.

Did Castleton manage to obtain an extension?

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**From:** "Tom Beezer" **GRO**

**Sent:** 27/11/2006 09:36

**To:** Mike Mason

**Cc:** Stephen Dilley" <Stephen.Dilley **GRO** Richard Morgan"

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**Subject:** Royal Mail -v- Castleton

Mike

I hope you are well.

A small favour - could you get whoever in your team who is dealing with the Royal Mail Castleton matter to e mail their report to me and Stephen Dilley. I called to speak to Jeff Porter but he is out of the office.

I believe that Stephen would like to hold a copy of the report prior to a court hearing today.

Kind regards

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