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From: Mark R Davies [GRO]
Sent: 29/11/2016 08:59:51
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Subject: Re: Postmaster Litigation - Subject to legal privilege.

Will do Paula.

Mark Davies
Communications and Corporate Affairs Director

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On 29 Nov 2016, at 07:37, Paula Vennells [GRO] wrote:

OK thanks Jane.

Important Mark scans for any other areas, which could be sensitive to media scrutiny.

Paula

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On 28 Nov 2016, at 23:35, Jane MacLeod [GRO] wrote:

Paula, Al

Following discussions with our QC and Bond Dickinson this afternoon, the following is the recommended language to be included in the response to Freeths in the wider section on remote access:

"At each stage, Post Office ascertained the position to respond to the questions it believed it was being asked. With the benefit of hindsight, some of Post Office's statements may have been incorrect in light of what has since been identified in relation to Fujitsu's administrator access rights (see below). But Post Office refutes any suggestion that it ever made false statements deliberately or did so to mislead, deceive or conceal. The Post Office personnel responsible for those statements made them in good faith: what was said reflected what they understood the position to be after they had made relevant enquiries at the time."

There have been no other material changes to the wider drafting around the remote access issue which I circulated to you earlier today.

The challenge has been to balance the risk of adverse publicity ahead of the court process (Post Office's concern) with the need to be open and transparent with the Court in admitting that certain of the information we provided previously on this issue could be construed as 'wrong'.

Given Mark D had other commitments today, I am taking him through this wording early tomorrow.

Kind regards,

Jane MacLeod
General Counsel
The Post Office

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