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From: Paula Vennells [GRO]
on behalf of Paula Vennells [GRO]
Sent: 09/09/2014 17:24:14
To: Neil McCausland [GRO]
CC: Mark R Davies [GRO]; Chris Aujard [GRO]
Subject: Re: Sparrow update

Chris and I met today - so important that you know the team are pushing harder on all aspects, as we agreed with the Board.
That said, this is a useful further challenge Neil - your point is well made (ie., capitalise the leak), thank you.

Chris, we need to look again at the agenda for the 16/9 meeting. (And also whether this might change our view re the judicial review advice we considered in June?)

Paula
Sent from my iPhone

> On 9 Sep 2014, at 18:10, "Neil McCausland" [GRO] wrote:

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> As you run this through, I wonder if you could also see if there is any way
> that we could use this leak (seriously damaging our reputation etc) to
> stop/alter the process that we are involved in. It's a long shot, but it
> would be great to find a faster/better way out of Sparrow
> Cheers
> Neil
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Mark R Davies [mailto:[GRO]]
> Sent: 09 September 2014 17:33
> To: Alice Perkins ([GRO]); Paula Vennells;
> alasdairmarnoch [GRO]; Alwen Lyons; Chris M Day;
> virginia.holmes [GRO]; nmccausland [GRO]; timfranklin [GRO]
> Subject: FW: Sparrow update

> Dear all
> Further to my note on Friday, a report on the leak has been broadcast within
> the last few minutes on BBC Radio 4. It is inaccurate and clearly we will be
> challenging these inaccuracies.
> We will circulate a fuller update.
> Best wishes
> Mark
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>> From: mark.r.davies [GRO]
>> To: alasdairmarnoch [GRO]; aliceperkins [GRO];
>> alwen.lyons [GRO]; chris.m.day [GRO];
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>> CC: mark.r.davies [GRO]; christopher.aujard [GRO];
>> gavin.lambert [GRO]; martin.edwards [GRO];
>> belinda.crowe [GRO]
>> Subject: Sparrow update
>> Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2014 15:43:18 +0000

>> Hi all

>> Further to Chris' update last week about Second Sight's "Part Two" report,
> we have today been approached by a BBC North reporter who has clearly seen a
> copy of the Report and Post Office's subsequent letter to applicants. As
> Chris explained last week, we are well prepared for this eventuality.

>> I understand that BBC North plan to run a story on Monday about the
> Report. We have a short but firm line on which we will hold. This will

> state that leak is highly regrettable and not in interests of applicants,
> and confirm our position is that the report is inaccurate.
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>> We will not comment further and it is essential we hold on that position
> to avoid giving the story unnecessary oxygen. We will work hard to keep a
> lid on it, though clearly other outlets, including those who have previously
> reported on the issue, may follow up on anything run by BBC North.
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>> We are informing the Working Group as a matter of courtesy and making it
> clear that Post Office will not be drawn into commenting on matters which
> are confidential to the Scheme.
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>> I will monitor the situation closely and update you if the position
> changes.
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>> Best wishes,
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>> Mark
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