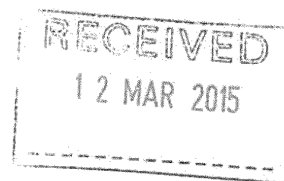


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Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP
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Dear Vince,

In Prime Minister's Questions today the Prime Minister told me that he would ask you to write to me about the Post Office Mediation Scheme. While there are many things that are very worrying about it, what particularly concerns me is that the Post Office has recently been refusing to give to Second Sight the documents and information that Second Sight feel they need in order to determine whether a miscarriage of justice has occurred. I believe that the only legal folder, for example, that Second Sight has seen is that relating to my constituent Jo Hamilton - but that folder did show that there was no evidence (as the Post Office knew at the time) of theft. Yet the Post Office charged her with theft. And as a result she then pleaded guilty to false accounting, having untruthfully been told that she was the only person going through these difficulties.

That suggests to me that there is more disclosure of documents that need to take place, and that our constituents will never believe that the truth has been reached without that disclosure. Equally, that disclosure needs to be made to Second Sight, who have now built up the expertise to deal with it.

Yours ever

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