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Thanks for copying me on these papers and given I am not on the ARC, I am just passing my thoughts for information. But my read of the paper was similar to Alice's. It doesn't seem we had sufficient reasons to discard option C and I think it would be interesting to explore further. It seems hard to imagine in 2014 POL is so different from other organisations to necessitate this approach.

As an aside, I also find the statistics for Pol surprising and I can't help wondering if any other organisation, to the extent we could get comparable data, would have anything like this level of situations that need investigation. Either way, I would have thought any next steps must be accompanied by more focus on training and better support. But sure that's ongoing anyway.
Best wishes
Susannah

On 8 Feb 2014, at 12:03, "Alice Perkins" <aliceperkins GRO > wrote:

> Alasdair,
> It is not yet clear whether it will be possible for me to participate in this teleconference. I will if I can.
> My reaction to this paper which is helpful and clear in many respects (and the BIP and its impact to date is very good indeed), is that it does not spell out clearly enough for me, why we think it is right in principle for us to maintain a different policy from other organisations (the Brian Altman point) ie option C is dismissed too summarily.
> I do of course, understand that we couldn't just throw our cases at the CPS and walk away at a moment's notice. And I appreciate that we might find the CPS route less satisfactory in cases where we were convinced we should be prosecuting. But if it is the case that the banks and other financial institutions are content to live with this, why are we different? And what would our public justification for being different be? In considering this, I would like to understand better how much money would potentially be at risk if we were to go for option C? And what are the relative costs of giving the work to external lawyers rather than doing it in-house under option B?
> I accept that option C could not be adopted immediately even if we did think it right. And I absolutely agree we should have a financial cut off of between £20k and £30k and take other factors into consideration before proceeding whoever is conducting the prosecutions.
> If you'd like a word, do let me know.
> All the best
> Alice
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> Please find attached the agenda and paper for the ARC teleconference 5pm – 6pm 11 February. The teleconference will focus specifically on Post Office as a prosecuting authority. An update on Project Sparrow will come to the

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February Board.

In line with the decision at the last Board meeting, these papers have been circulated to the whole Board. Papers are also available on BoardPad.

Room 501 has been booked for the meeting if you wish to attend in person and teleconference details are:
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Kind regards

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