

Message

From: Alice Perkins [GRO]
on behalf of Alice Perkins [GRO]
Sent: 19/03/2013 18:28:46
To: Alwen Lyons [GRO]
CC: Paula Vennells [GRO]
Subject: Re: James Arbuthnot and 2nd Sight

Agreed!

From: Alwen Lyons [GRO]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 05:43 PM
To: Alice Perkins
Cc: Paula Vennells [GRO]
Subject: Re: James Arbuthnot and 2nd Sight

I am not sure there is anything we should do before the meeting but I do think we should consider how we continue to engage with James going forward and not leave it solely to 2nd Sight

Thanks
Alwen

Alwen Lyons
Company Secretary
[GRO]

On 19 Mar 2013, at 17:38, "Alice Perkins" [GRO] wrote:

The gap between what they have said to you and what JA appears to have heard from them is very striking. We need to think if there is anything more we should/could do about this before the meeting other than write a very good letter.

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From: Alwen Lyons [GRO]
Sent: 19 March 2013 17:33
To: Alice Perkins
Cc: Paula Vennells
Subject: Re: James Arbuthnot and 2nd Sight

We will need to pick this up at tomorrow's meeting as although Susan and I discussed the suggested approach of a few in depth cases which could be finished more quickly, they wanted to think about this as they are anxious to keep Bates and JFSA onside.

They do not think any of the MP cases are strong enough to be the 2 or 3 picked and this may cause an issue as well.

Thanks
Alwen

Alwen Lyons
Company Secretary

GRO

On 19 Mar 2013, at 17:18, "Alice Perkins" [GRO] wrote:

Thanks Alwen. It is very helpful to know what is in hand.
What you have heard leaves me mystified as to why JA was saying what he said to me today but on the other hand, adjectives like "plausible" are easily misinterpreted.
As I said to you, JA intends to talk to SS before Monday's meeting and they will therefore have an opportunity to say what they are doing/thinking very clearly to him before the meeting which should be helpful if they use that opportunity well.
The only point you didn't cover was the one about giving the MPs a date by which we could meet them which is, of course, tied up with how the enquiry is concluded. What is happening about that please?
See you tomorrow.
Alice

From: Alwen Lyons [GRO]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 05:07 PM
To: Alice Perkins
Cc: Paula Vennells [GRO] >
Subject: James Arbuthnot and 2nd Sight

Alice

An update on what has happened today.

- Susan and I had a meeting with Ron and Ian from 2nd Sight this afternoon and they are coming in to meet Paula tomorrow at 15.00(I have offered to Paula that I could attend with her, but that will mean someone else minuting the ARC – I can sort that tomorrow)
- At the meeting this afternoon 2nd Sight were surprised that James now felt there was harder evidence against the system. They used the phrases; no evidence of widespread systemic failure; the number of cases we are seeing is small; the pattern aligns with the themes which are already in the public domain.
- They assured Susan and I that they intend to make it very clear on Monday that they have been 'consolidating and distilling allegations and that the Post Office have not had the opportunity to respond'
- Some of the evidence is plausible but is as yet untested.
- They are nervous about Monday, especially as it now emerges that Shoosmiths are attending the meeting. They know that loose language will be very unhelpful, and realise that they may end up in the press, which will not help the investigation.
- Simon is pulling together the facts for your letter to James and I have discussed with Mark, Paula also suggests that Martin Edwards would be a good person to input. So we will pull this together tomorrow.

Hope that is helpful.

Paula or I will update you after our meeting with 2nd Sight tomorrow

Thanks

Alwen

Alwen Lyons I Company Secretary

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