

From: Angela Van-Den-Bogerd [GRO]
Sent: Wed 19/08/2015 8:22:27 AM (UTC)
To: Mark R Davies [GRO]
Subject: RE: Panorama - Trouble at the Post Office

Thanks Mark,

Angela



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From: Mark R Davies
Sent: 19 August 2015 09:10
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Just to be aware

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Begin forwarded message:

From: George Thomson [GRO]
Date: 19 August 2015 09:06:34 BST
To: David McConnell [GRO]
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Begin forwarded message:

From: [GRO]
Date: 19 August 2015 08:24:00 BST

To: Calum Greenhow [GRO]
Subject: Re: Panorama - Trouble at the Post Office

Good Morning Calum

Thank you for sending me your individual thoughts on Horizon and sharing further individual thoughts on our forum. My statements, comments over the last 12 years on Horizon have been on behalf of the Executive Council, both as an Executive Officer and then General Secretary, my comments however are on behalf of Executive Council, I can assure you that the EC still believe the Horizon system is robust and safe.

Once again thank you for contacting me on this important subject.

Very Best

George

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On 19 Aug 2015, at 07:18, Calum Greenhow [GRO] wrote:

George,

I have received the BSC from you yesterday in response to the recent programs aired by the BBC on the Post Office.

In respect of the Panorama program, vested interest is a key issue here.

Those who were on Monday nights program along with the other members of Justice for Sub-Postmasters have a vested interest in the problem being with Horizon. That would vindicate them of the crime they have been convicted of.

POL have a vested interest in the problem being solely with Sub-Postmasters as if the problem has been, in a small number of cases with Horizon, then the business implications for a struggling organisation would probably be the irreversible tipping point. It would also mean the end of the career for many a POL executive due to the stance that has always been maintained and also the resulting criminal convictions etc endured by those Sub-Postmasters concerned. The press would have a field day, with the political fall out being extreme.

The NFSP have a vested interest in the problem being with the Sub-Postmasters as they have always stood resolutely with POL on this matter. In fact, I was first introduced to the existence of Justice For Sub-Postmasters in 2010 at my first Conference in Torquay. When I asked who they were and what they were about, the response I received was that they are bunch of crooks who were discovered putting their hand in the till and are blaming Horizon for their losses. Your comments at the Parliamentary Select Committee hearing in February this year, highlights your thoughts on this matter that drew a sharp reprimand as to the legality of your comments from the Chair of the Committee.

Imagine for a moment if what was highlighted through the program was true? Where would that leave those Sub-Postmasters affected, where would it leave POL and where would it leave the NFSP?

I hoped that when POL appointed Second Sight to carryout a thorough investigation of Horizon and the claims made against it, that would be the end of this because they would find that all was well. All that has happened is more people are saying there is a fundamental problem at the very heart of POL in its dealings with Sub-Postmasters that has affected, very seriously, a small percentage.

There were originally 150 Sub-Postmasters that set up Justice For Sub-Postmasters, which has now grown to 300. This still only represents less than 3 percent of the network so it's not a systemic problem that is widespread. It is also historical as those on last nights program were affected prior to 2006, which is 9 years ago so the BSC statement from you is a truth but it is misleading on these points and disingenuous to say the least.

144 MP's have raised their concern over Horizon and it was once again debated on the 1st of July this year during Prime Ministers Questions, with the Prime Minister himself saying that "he hopes a full judicial enquiry is not required but that we must get to the bottom of this."

Second Sight's Ian Henderson says that POL have an institutional blindness in respect of this issue. James Arbuthnot, the former MP, claims that POL have a bullying attitude towards Sub-Postmasters over this issue yet you believe that because no-one has called Shoreham recently over the issue, then there isn't one.

There are just too many impartial experts that cast doubt on POL's and subsequently the NFSP's position. It's the Criminal Justice expert, the computer expert, the forensic accountant, the computer programmer and of course 144 MP's. The NFSP should be echoing the Prime Minster in calling for every assistance to get to the bottom of this issue to ensure once and for all on behalf of all members past, present and future that there categorically is no issue now, nor has there ever been a problem with Horizon.

It would be encouraging if the NFSP showed support for those 20 Sub-Postmasters that are currently having their cases reviewed. None of us would wish any innocent individual to have their reputations, livelihood and liberty ruined incorrectly. Sometimes things go wrong and let's face it we've been around the Post Office long enough to know it often does.

Yours,

Calum Greenhow

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