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Dear Sir / Madam

## Invitation for submissions – Compensation

We refer to the Chair's announcement on 21 March 2022 inviting submissions from all Core Participants to the Inquiry, regarding the eligibility of certain categories of persons to claim compensation under the existing schemes set up by the Post Office and its sponsoring department in government. The categories requested are as follows:

1. *Subpostmasters and subpostmistresses, managers and assistants who were charged with criminal offences and prosecuted by the Post Office but who were acquitted at trial;*
2. *Subpostmasters and subpostmistresses, managers and assistants who were charged with criminal offences and prosecuted by the Post Office but whose cases were discontinued or withdrawn before trial;*
3. *Subpostmasters and subpostmistresses, managers and assistants whose appeals were conceded by the Post Office on the grounds that it would not be in the public interest to retry their cases and whose convictions have been overturned by the Crown Court.*

We are instructed to confirm the following on behalf of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy:

- **Category 1** persons who were part of the Group Litigation Order will be able to seek compensation via the commitment made by Minister Scully on 22 March 2022. Those who were not part of the Group Litigation Order are eligible to apply for compensation as part of the compensation announced on 14 December 2021, and should apply to the Post Office.
- **Category 2** persons who were part of the Group Litigation Order will be able to seek compensation via the commitment made by Minister Scully on 22 March 2022. Those who were not part of the Group Litigation Order were able to apply to the Historical Shortfall Scheme.

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- **Category 3** persons may apply for compensation as announced on 14 December 2021 for those with overturned criminal convictions, and should send their claims to the Post Office.

Please contact Mark Colautti or James Barry of this office if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



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