

Witness Name: Carl Creswell

Statement No.: WITN11730400

Dated: 7 May 2025

POST OFFICE HORIZON IT INQUIRY

FOURTH WITNESS STATEMENT OF CARL CRESWELL

I, Carl Creswell, will say as follows.

1. I am Director, Post Office Policy, in the Department for Business and Trade. I have prepared this 'corporate' statement on behalf of the Department, in response to the Inquiry's request for evidence dated 28 April 2025 ("**the Rule 9 request**"), in order to assist the Inquiry in relation to the figures for the Group Litigation Order Scheme and Horizon Convictions Redress scheme.
2. I have prepared this statement with the support of Departmental officials, and the Government Legal Department. The contents of this statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am authorised by the Secretary of State

for Business and Trade to make it.

3. All figures in this statement are accurate as at close of business of 7 May 2025.

GROUP LITIGATION ORDER SCHEME

4. The Inquiry has requested the below figures in relation to the Group Litigation Order Scheme ("**GLOS**"):

GLOS Stage	Number as of 31 March 2025
Claims reviewed by first GLO independent panel	2
Claims reviewed by second GLO independent panel	1
Claims reviewed by Independent Reviewer	1

5. The Inquiry has requested figures to 31 March 2025 on the total amount paid to Addleshaw Goddard LLP and Dentons LLP to help run the GLO scheme. These figures are detailed below.
- Total paid to Addleshaw Goddard LLP: £3,738,672.30, excluding VAT.
 - Total paid to Dentons LLP: £1,562,555.74, including VAT.

HORIZON CONVICTION REDRESS SCHEME

6. The Inquiry has requested the below figures in relation to the Horizon Conviction Redress Scheme ("**HCRS**")

HCRS Stage	Number as of 31 March 2025
Number of offers accepted	339
Number of offers accepted of which were fixed sum offers	339

- The Inquiry has requested figures to 31 March 2025 on the total amount paid to Addleshaw Goddard LLP to help run the HCRS. This figure is £152,315, excluding VAT.

7. I would be happy to provide any further evidence on this point if the Inquiry would find this useful.

Statement of Truth

I believe the content of this statement to be true.

Signed:

GRO

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