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Paul/Jerome

Pat is broadly content with this, but as noted earlier Pat is adamant that he wants no watering down of the commitment to maintain the current size of the network. His main change is to para 5.2 where he has moved the latter part of the paragraph. See tracked changes.

Thanks.

Kate

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Kate, Paul,

Attached is the final draft consultation document, which we would be grateful if the Secretary of State would approve and therefore if he could sign off the letter attached to the submission. We would like the letter to be circulated by Cabinet Office tomorrow so that we can give Departments a chance to respond properly ahead of our deadline of 25 November. The consultation is due to launch, as you will know, on 2 December.

Pat, Lord Young, and Lord Davies have approved previous drafts of this document and the substance remains the same

Kate - we discussed that there were two points that had been raised in the last 24 hours from DWP and HMT in particular that are unhelpful:

1. DWP: At a meeting with Lord Young yesterday, Helen Goodman said that she was keen for the Post Office to do more on low-value loans. I explained that the issue was whether they could do so without new money. DWP have repeated this point at official level, and I have reiterated our standard line that if Depts want the Post Office to deliver new services on which they cannot cover their costs, then the Dept concerned would need to fund these services. Nevertheless, DWP may respond proposing that the consultation goes further in this regard.
2. HMT: More unhelpfully, HMT have raised concerns about the affordability of our proposals. Although the proposals do not imply any funding, HMT were nervous about the inclusion of the phrases: "we will continue to support the Post Office network beyond 2011" and "we will not support any further programme of closures". These are commitments that they have already agreed to and which Ministers have been using for months. We have resisted removing these phrases and have made clear that if HMT wishes our Ministers to go back on these pledges then it must do so in writing as part of the write-round. We have agreed to HMT demands to include a new paragraph (paragraph 5.5 in the text) which stresses the fact that services must be affordable and self-financing. And we have also agreed to tweak the

"sustainable" value (para 5.6 fourth bullet) to include a reference to affordability and offering good value to taxpayers. Grateful if you could check with Pat if he is content with this handling or would like the HMT additions removed.

Many thanks

Jerome

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