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Hi Lesley, on our call you mentioned that the whistle blower had talked about a "back door" into the system.

I still haven't seen the programme -- that delight awaits me -- but I understand he said:

- When he worked in support for a couple of years in the early 2000s
- There were 30+ people in the team
- That it was possible that Horizon had bugs in it
- And that Fujitsu could alter code without the Subpostmasters knowledge.

Apart from the obvious point that there is nothing new in here in relation to the specific cases in question, it is of course true that *code* is changed by us, but only after it has been through the exhaustive testing cycles including by the Post Office (now Atos) test team. This is part of normal operation and has no impact on the transaction data in the Audit Store which is the data used to support the accounting position of the system and any legal action.

As you say there has been very little media noise following the programme.

Talk soon

Nigel