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16th April 2003

Reference: Losses and Gains

Dear Mr Wakley

I am in receipt of your letter dated 14th April 2003 confirming our conversation regarding losses and gains at our office which have always been rolled over since the installation of Horizon. I appreciate that you may well have been unaware of this practice at the office but can assure you many others Post Office staff knew of it.

My comments regarding this were well documented in a number of letters to Post Office Counters Limited such as that dated 19th December 2000 to my then Retail Line Manager, Gerry Hayes, which like all letters was sent recorded delivery.

The problem with rolling over the losses and gains is that I presume I would be accepting liability for them which is something that I have pointed out in writing to you since the introduction of Horizon here, I am unable to do until such time as I am able to access the data that I am being asked to be responsible for. As I have written previously "The totally inadequate report system has been made so complex it lacks the ability to interrogate the system when you know the information is inside", if I am unable to access the data to check items it is totally unreasonable to expect me to accept the liability from uncheckable data.

Alan Bates, Subpostmaster Craig-y-Don Post Office