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on behalf of Alice Perkins [GRO]
Sent: 19/03/2013 17:18:24
To: Alwen Lyons [GRO]
CC: Paula Vennells [GRO]
Subject: Re: James Arbuthnot and 2nd Sight

Thanks Alwen. It is very helpful to know what is in hand.

What you have heard leaves me mystified as to why JA was saying what he said to me today but on the other hand, adjectives like "plausible" are easily misinterpreted.

As I said to you, JA intends to talk to SS before Monday's meeting and they will therefore have an opportunity to say what they are doing/thinking very clearly to him before the meeting which should be helpful if they use that opportunity well.

The only point you didn't cover was the one about giving the MPs a date by which we could meet them which is, of course, tied up with how the enquiry is concluded. What is happening about that please?

See you tomorrow.

Alice

From: Alwen Lyons [GRO]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 05:07 PM
To: Alice Perkins
Cc: Paula Vennells [GRO]
Subject: James Arbuthnot and 2nd Sight

Alice

An update on what has happened today.

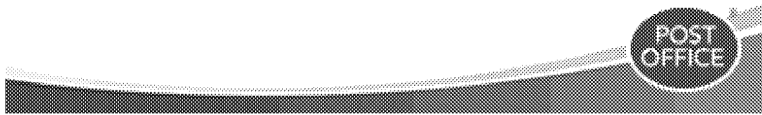
- Susan and I had a meeting with Ron and Ian from 2nd Sight this afternoon and they are coming in to meet Paula tomorrow at 15.00 (I have offered to Paula that I could attend with her, but that will mean someone else minuting the ARC – I can sort that tomorrow)
- At the meeting this afternoon 2nd Sight were surprised that James now felt there was harder evidence against the system. They used the phrases; no evidence of widespread systemic failure; the number of cases we are seeing is small; the pattern aligns with the themes which are already in the public domain.
- They assured Susan and I that they intend to make it very clear on Monday that they have been 'consolidating and distilling allegations and that the Post Office have not had the opportunity to respond'
- Some of the evidence is plausible but is as yet untested.
- They are nervous about Monday, especially as it now emerges that Shoosmiths are attending the meeting. They know that loose language will be very unhelpful, and realise that they may end up in the press, which will not help the investigation.
- Simon is pulling together the facts for your letter to James and I have discussed with Mark, Paula also suggests that Martin Edwards would be a good person to input. So we will pull this together tomorrow.

Hope that is helpful.

Paula or I will update you after our meeting with 2nd Sight tomorrow

Thanks
Alwen

Alwen Lyons I Company Secretary



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