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All: FYI. Ron.

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To: Undisclosed recipients:
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Dear Colleague,

Yesterday I received the news that the Post Office Mediation Scheme in which your constituent is a participant has closed with immediate effect. Of the 80 or so cases remaining to go to mediation, the Post Office announces that "The remaining cases will now be put forward for mediation, except those which have been the subject of previous Court rulings. Post Office will continue to consider cases with a Court ruling on an individual basis."

The independent investigators, Second Sight, have been put on 30 days' notice. They have been denied the documents they consider they need to determine whether a miscarriage of justice has taken place. As I understand it, this action by the Post Office denies to MPs the possibility of seeing Second Sight's Part 2 Report, which is now to be restricted to Post Office eyes only.

The Working Group is to be closed, presumably with immediate effect. The Post Office has said in their Press Release, of which I attach a copy, "Nothing has been found in any of the cases to suggest Horizon has not worked as it should." While I do not accept that to be true, the refusal to give Second Sight access to the documents they considered they needed has made it impossible to satisfy our constituents that potential miscarriages of justice have been or will be put right.

A link to the evidence given to the BIS Select Committee on 3rd February 2015 may be found at <http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/business-innovation-and-skills-committee/post-office-mediation/oral/17926.html> .

I hope to have an early opportunity to bring this deeply worrying matter to the attention of the House, and should be grateful for your support.

Yours ever,

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