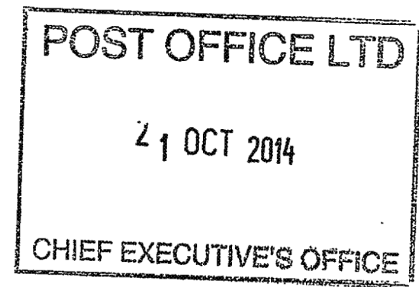


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17 October 2014

Paula Vennells
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Dear Paula,

I would be pleased if you would accept a request to come to a meeting with myself, Oliver Letwin, Mike Wood, and Andrew Bridgen to discuss progress on the mediation process. I am not alone in becoming increasingly worried about the tone that is emerging from proceedings and I am beginning to fear its disintegration. I would like to discuss this with you as soon as possible.

The following times suit me. Might you be able to make one of them? I am very keen to meet as soon as possible.

5 pm Monday 27 October

5 pm Monday 3 November

5pm Monday 10 November

6pm Monday 17 November

If none of these suit, please would your office call mine to discuss times that might be available? I shall ask Janet to call your office next week to check.

Also, might you let me have an answer to my letter of 4 September 2014 to you please about meeting with my colleague Jim Hood MP and myself? I did write to remind you about this a month ago but am yet to have a response.

Yours ever

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1 October 2014

Dea James,

Thank you for your letter of 17 September regarding the concerns Alan has expressed about how the Working Group meetings are proceeding and attendance at those meetings. For your information, Post Office General Counsel is the lead PO representative at the meeting and from time to time takes along members of his team who are involved in the case work, as do Second Sight.

As you note, the Working Group is independent, and it would be inappropriate for me to intervene as its proceedings, including who attends, are matters for the Group and the Chair. It is of course open to Alan to raise any concerns relating to Working Group meetings with the Chair.

Yours sincerely,

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Paula Vennells
Chief Executive

CC: Alan Bates, Sir Anthony Hooper

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