

Message

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on behalf of Avene O'Farrell [GRO]
Sent: 23/10/2014 13:36:14
To: Belinda Crowe [GRO]; Tom Wechsler [GRO]; Chris Aujard [GRO]; Gavin Lambert [GRO]; Mark R Davies [GRO]
Subject: FW: Post Office mediation process
Importance: High

Dear all,

Please see below. (I don't recognise the email, but it could be personal, I will check)

Avene

From: ARBUTHNOT, James [GRO]
Sent: 23 October 2014 14:31
To: alice [GRO]
Cc: Paula Vennells; Avene O'Farrell
Subject: Post Office mediation process
Importance: High

Dear Alice

I am becoming increasingly worried about how the sub-Postmasters mediation process is working. The Post Office is treating the decision as to whether individual cases should go through to mediation as a legal battlefield, to the extent that I am getting close to asking another Urgent Question in the House of Commons about it. I have requested a meeting with Paula, who I know is on leave this week. My office is receiving requests for me to talk to the media, and I intend to do so, but I want to discuss matters with Paula first, if possible. I, the subpostmasters and Second Sight agreed to this process in the expectation that it would be carried through in good faith. I would hate to be in a position of having to call that into question.

I am sorry to write in these terms, but I felt you needed to know how serious the matter was becoming.

Yours ever

James

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