

Message

From: Mark R Davies [GRO]
on behalf of Mark R Davies [GRO]
Sent: 23/10/2014 14:41:21
To: Belinda Crowe [GRO]
CC: Avene O'Farrell [GRO]; Tom Wechsler [GRO]; Chris Aujard [GRO]; Gavin Lambert [GRO]; Patrick Bourke [GRO]; Belinda Crowe [GRO]; Jane Hill [GRO]
Subject: Re: Post Office mediation process

Thanks - that all makes sense. I think we do need to be in touch with Alice today to set out our planned course of action (and BIS too). I am adding Jane to this chain. More than anything we shouldn't allow JA to create an exaggerated response. We should feel confident that our position would head off a UQ.

Mark Davies
Communications and Corporate Affairs Director

Sent from my iPad

On 23 Oct 2014, at 15:23, "Belinda Crowe" [GRO] wrote:

We will also speak to BIS to let them know of the potential for a UQ.

Best wishes
Belinda

Belinda Crowe

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From: Belinda Crowe
Sent: 23 October 2014 14:58
To: Avene O'Farrell; Tom Wechsler; Chris Aujard; Gavin Lambert; Mark R Davies; Patrick Bourke
Cc: Belinda Crowe
Subject: RE: Post Office mediation process

All, we did not think JA would go to Alice until such time as Paula had responded.

Having discussed here we think that as Paula is away, she should suggest he meets Chris to discuss his concerns as Chris is the responsible Director. I am happy to discuss with Paula and then explain to Alice that this is in hand and she should respond accordingly.

Grateful for views.

The good faith issue is one we should challenge strongly.

Best wishes
Belinda

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From: Avene O'Farrell
Sent: 23 October 2014 14:46
To: Belinda Crowe; Tom Wechsler; Chris Aujard; Gavin Lambert; Mark R Davies; Patrick Bourke
Subject: RE: Post Office mediation process

Hi, yes it was the whole email. (I just forwarded it on)

Thanks,
A

From: Belinda Crowe
Sent: 23 October 2014 14:45
To: Avene O'Farrell; Tom Wechsler; Chris Aujard; Gavin Lambert; Mark R Davies; Patrick Bourke
Cc: Belinda Crowe
Subject: Re: Post Office mediation process

Avene
Was this the whole of the email as it looks like a cut and paste.
Best wishes
Belinda

GRO

From: Avene O'Farrell
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 02:36 PM
To: Belinda Crowe; Tom Wechsler; Chris Aujard; Gavin Lambert; Mark R Davies
Subject: FW: Post Office mediation process

Dear all,

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

Avene

From: ARBUTHNOT, James
Sent: 23 October 2014 14:31
To: [alice](#)
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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