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Tim

Following our conversation last week, I now attach the letter of advice addressed to Post Office Limited received from Bond Dickinson, and which summarises the advice received from Antony de Garr Robinson QC. We have also been in discussion with BIS as to the best way for this to be raised with the Minister.

In conversations today with the Minister's office, they have confirmed that they understand (and indeed had anticipated) the need for prioritising the litigation and therefore for work to cease on your review, however we have been advised that they wish to consider further the choreography – in particular:

- The Minister is (understandably) somewhat pre-occupied this week with the Referendum and other matters. There is also the risk that Ministerial responsibilities may change depending on the outcome of the Referendum. Accordingly the Minister's office believes it may be better to delay the communication until next week.
- They are considering the best way to update the Minister and whether her officials should provide the Minister (and possibly the Secretary of State) with a briefing ahead of receiving the letter.

Accordingly I have prepared (and now attach) a suggested letter for you to consider. I will update you on the suggested choreography once we have received further advice from the Minister's office – which we expect tomorrow.

Kind regards,

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