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Dear Paula,

Alan Bates telephoned my office today following the Working Group meeting which I believe was held earlier this week. He expressed concern about how the meetings were proceeding and mentioned that three solicitors were present during the last one, all from the Post Office's side. I wonder whether this has the effect of interfering with what is meant to be an independent group? Might you think about making these meetings a little less 'lawyerly'?

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?

Yours ever

James Arbuthnot

Cc Sir Anthony Hooper, Alan Bates

