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Sent: Wed 20/05/2015 1:58:17 PM (UTC)
To: Matthew Bardo[redacted GRO]
Cc: Melanie Corfield[redacted GRO]
Subject: RE: BBC Panorama IV request

Hi Matt

Yes that is the report. I'd also direct you to our written evidence to the BIS select committee and also our detailed response to the parliamentary debate held last December. Mel can send these to you.

As you know Second Sight produced its final report earlier this year. These are confidential documents concerning the individual complaints being reviewed through the scheme. However, given your interest in this matter, we will provide the report (and our response) on request on the basis that, whilst they can of course be used for background, confidentiality is preserved and the documents are not reproduced, and that the privacy of individuals is respected. Can you let me know?

I will let you know about the interview bid in relation to Paula. In the meantime, I would reiterate my offer to provide a full face to face briefing: as you say there is a lot of material on this subject and I do think that this would be beneficial. I would be happy to discuss the terms on which this could take place: elements could be on the record.

In order to support your work I would also like to offer you an (on camera) interview with my colleague who led the investigations into the cases put forward to the Mediation Scheme.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes
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From: Matthew Bardo [redacted GRO]
Sent: 20 May 2015 14:43
To: Mark R Davies
Cc: Melanie Corfield
Subject: RE: BBC Panorama IV request

Hi Mark

I believe I do have the Post Office's final report. Am I right in saying that it is this one that you are referring to?
<http://corporate.postoffice.co.uk/sites/default/files/SCHEME%20REPORT%20-%20FINAL.PDF>

In terms of the time frame for an interview with Paula Vennells, we would do our best to accommodate her availability to arrive at a mutually convenient time. It might be easiest if you give us some dates when she could spare an hour in the first two weeks of June. At this stage we are still working our way through the (extensive) published information on this subject. Once we have done that we will be in a position to send over more detail about what the interview would cover and what the programme might include.

We would like to keep the Post Office's response to our investigation on the record. If there are elements about which we are unclear that are not best resolved by way of an interview, then an attributable briefing may well be a

good way for us to understand and fairly represent the Post Office's position. I think it would be best for us to discuss this once we are clearer about the detail of the programme.

Thanks again for your help.

Matt

From: Mark R Davies [GRO]
Sent: 20 May 2015 10:39
To: Matthew Bardo
Cc: Melanie Corfield
Subject: RE: BBC Panorama IV request

Thanks Matt.

Can you let me know your timescales for an interview with Paula: i.e. how far in advance of broadcast would you like to do this, if we can work it out?

Can you let me know whether you've got our March 2015 report on this issue and whether you need a copy? Please don't hesitate to contact me or Mel on this or any other query. We will get back to asap on the interview bid, but it's worth adding that we'd be more than happy to arrange a briefing for you with relevant Post Office colleagues to talk through the issues and questions you've posed (and any others). Can you let me know whether you and Mr Sweeney would like to do this?

Best wishes
Mark

From: Matthew Bardo [GRO]
Sent: 20 May 2015 10:36
To: Mark R Davies
Cc: Melanie Corfield
Subject: RE: BBC Panorama IV request

Thanks Mark. We'll be in touch.

From: Mark R Davies [GRO]
Sent: 19 May 2015 17:17
To: Matthew Bardo
Cc: Melanie Corfield
Subject: FW: BBC Panorama IV request

Dear Matt

Just to say, many thanks for your email. We will of course consider your bid and get back to you asap. In the meantime, we stand very ready to help with any query for your programme, and really appreciate the early notice.

I suspect you will have seen the (perhaps lengthy!) Post Office reports on this issue, but if not I would be happy to pass them on. I have also copied this to my colleague Mel.

We will be in touch asap, but in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries or specific questions in addition to those in your email and Mr Sweeney's letter.

Best wishes
Mark Davies



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From: Matthew Bardo [GRO]

Sent: 19 May 2015 11:52

To: Pressoffice

Subject: BBC Panorama IV request

Hi Suzette

Thanks for your help on the phone earlier.

Please find attached the interview bid from John Sweeney for the attention of Paula Vennells, as discussed. I'd be grateful if you could confirm you've received this.

You can reach me at this email address or on 020 7554 4000 [GRO]

Regards

Matt Bardo
Producer
BBC Panorama

<http://www.bbc.co.uk>

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