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This is good thanks Andy.

Can you pls give me a call when you get a moment about ques 6?

Thanks, Rodric

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## Rodric

As discussed, below are the questions on POL/Fujitsu changing branch data. It may be worth having a quick con call with Fujitsu to run through these.

The following challenge has been put to POL by Second Sight:

"the Andy Winn/Alan Lusher email in the case of Ward [...] explicitly states that Fujitsu can remotely change the figures in the branches without the SPMs' knowledge or authority".

The Winn/Lusher email is attached. The part of the email in question is:

"Fujitsu have the ability to impact branch records via the message store but have extremely rigorous procedures in place to prevent adjustments being made without prior authorisation - within POL and Fujitsu these controls form the core of our court defence if we get to that stage."

## Questions:

- 1. Can Post Office change branch transaction data without a subpostmaster being aware of the change?
- 2. Can Fujitsu change branch transaction data without a subpostmaster being aware of the change?
- 3. If not, where is the evidence for this conclusion?
- 4. If so:

- a) How does this happen?
- b) Why was this functionality built into the system design?
- c) Why would Fujitsu need to use this functionality?
- d) What controls are in place to prevent the unauthorised use of this method of access?
- e) When has branch data been accessed in this way in the past?
- 5. In relation to the Winn/Lusher email:
  - a) What is "message store"?
  - b) Can this be used to access and change branch records?
  - c) What is the "impact" of this change on branch records?
  - d) Would the subpostmaster be aware of this change?
  - e) Why would this method of access be used?
  - f) What controls are in place to prevent misuse of this method of access?
- 6. In light of the above, is the following statement correct? "It is impossible for either POL or Fujitsu to change branch transaction data without the knowledge of a subpostmaster"

Kind regards Andy

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