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Cc: Aldred, Tom - UKGI[REDACTED]; Fox, Joshua - UKGI[REDACTED]
Subject: Official Sensitive & Legally Privileged: Ministerial Briefing during trial
Attachment: Fwd: Post Office Group Litigation - SUBJECT TO LEGAL PRIVILEGE - DO NOT FORWARD

Hi Richard,

I've discussed the Minister's briefing request with Tom C (since I was not present but Tom phoned in).

Tom suggests that Rod be asked to provide us a weekly update during the trials. And that this can be along similar lines to the one he provided you last Thursday (see attached). We can then simply forward this to the Minister, which avoids UKGI making any subjective assessment of the trial (and which is consistent with the approach we took with update subs pre-trial).

Separately, we'll ask POL's Comms Director to provide us with a daily roundup of any media and social media coverage of the trial.

Happy to discuss further as necessary.

Stephen

From: Watson, Richard - UKGI
Sent: 20 November 2018 09:33
To: Clarke, Stephen - UKGI[REDACTED]; Cooper, Tom - UKGI[REDACTED]
Cc: Aldred, Tom - UKGI[REDACTED]; Fox, Joshua - UKGI[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Private Eye - Question on Lead Cases

Stephen

The briefings thus far are ad hoc. Before I pick up with POL Legal can I be clear exactly what the Minister is expecting – is it fortnightly briefings during the various trials or something else? Is she expecting the briefings from us or from POL direct? I think any briefings should be purely factual – there are significant risks if we, or POL, start straying into subjective assessments of how the trial has been going.

Perhaps we can discuss after the NAO meeting?

Kind regards

Richard

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Subject: RE: Private Eye - Question on Lead Cases

On updates, the Minister yesterday requested fortnightly briefings as the case progresses. Do we already expect POL to provide updates regularly enough to meet this request or do we need to pass on this request to POL's legal team (ie a two-week maximum reporting window during the trial)?

Stephen

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Sent: 20 November 2018 09:01
To: Cooper, Tom - UKGI [GRO]; Clarke, Stephen - UKGI [GRO]
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Subject: RE: Private Eye - Question on Lead Cases

Quite. I was expecting a further update from the legal team shortly, including something about the late emails, and will follow this up if not received soon.

Kind regards

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Subject: Re: Private Eye - Question on Lead Cases

Fascinating isn't it. Don't let the facts get in the way of a good story...

Do we know if the judge has said anything about the late emails?

Tom

Sent from my iPhone

On 19 Nov 2018, at 11:09, Clarke, Stephen - UKGI: [REDACTED] wrote:

Tom,

I've checked the six lead case summaries supplied by POL. Four cases predate 2012 and two are subsequent to 2012. None of the six cases straddle 2012 (ie start before and end after). See a summary below of the six lead claimants, showing their dates of service (the facts of their cases all fall within these periods too), contract types and branch location. Stephen

Naushad Abdulla

Branch: Charlton Post Office Branch®, 10-12 Charlton Church Lane, SE7 7AF
Dates of service: 24 January 2007 to 8 May 2009
Contract model: Modified Subpostmasters' Contract

Alan Bates

Branch: Craig-y-don Post Office® Branch, 21 Queens Road, Craig-y-don, Llandudno, LL30 1AZ
Dates of service: 7 May 1998 to 5 November 2003
Contract model: Standard Subpostmasters Contract 1994

Mohammad Sabir

Branches: Cottingley Post Office® Branch, 4 The Parade, Cottingley, BD16 1RP; Crossflatts Post Office® Branch, 33A Keighley Road, Bingley
Dates of service: 9 September 2006 to 2 October 2009 (Cottingley); 11 October 2006 to 2 October 2009 (Crossflatts)
Contract model: Standard Subpostmasters Contract 1994

Louise Dar

Branch: Lenzie Post Office Branch®, 118 Kirklintilloch Road, Lenzie, Glasgow
Dates of service: 19 November 2014 to 27 March 2017
Contract model: Network Transformation Contract

Elizabeth Stockdale

Branch: Sandsacre Post Office® Branch, Wheatley Drive, Bridlington, East Yorkshire, YO16 6TN
Dates of service: 8 May 2014 to 16 September 2016
Network Transformation Contract (Local Post Office® Branch, On Site Variant, Post Office Limited Cash)

Pamela Stubbs

Branch: Barkham Post Office Branch®, 50 Bearwood Road, Wokingham, RG41 4SY
Dates of service: 23 September 1999 to 12 August 2010
Contract model: Standard Subpostmasters Contract 1994

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Subject: Re: Private Eye Coverage on Litigation

Stephen

How many of the lead cases have facts that overlap 2012?

Tom

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On 16 Nov 2018, at 15:44, Clarke, Stephen - UKGI [GRO] wrote:

FYI see attached coverage in Private Eye

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