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Dear Ms Shaikh

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your enquiry of 24 August 2020. You asked for the following information:

- "i) What are the reporting links between UKGI and its Shareholder HM Treasury?*
- ii) Did UKGI report to HM Treasury on matters pertaining to its Asset, Post Office Limited, with regard to its Horizon issues and Group Litigation?*
- iii) If so, how regularly?*
- iv) Did UKGI/HM Treasury discuss either Post Office Horizon or Post Office Litigation Issues at quarterly shareholder meetings, if so when and what actions if any were implemented as a result?*
- iv) Did UKGI communicate to its shareholder HM Treasury any concerns over POL's Horizon issues or Group Litigation with regard to propriety, regularity, prudence or feasibility?*
- v) Was the UKGI Board subject to any directions from HM Treasury with regard to its management of Post Office Limited, if so please can you publish any such direction?"*

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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