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To: Baroness Neville-Rolfe

From: , ShEx (x4240)

Date: 15 October 2015

Subject: Meeting with Second Sight on Post Office Horizon

Monday 19 October 14.30 - 15.00



Proposed handling

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1. James Arbuthnot suggested that you meet Second Sight to "decide for yourself" whether their views on Horizon and on Post Office more generally deserved more Government attention or action. You agreed to offer a short private meeting to Second Sight, after which you would recommend that they speak to Tim Parker as part of his review.





5. The Government's position is that this is an operational matter for Post Office Limited, and as such you have asked Tim Parker, who started as Chair this month, to look at the matter with a fresh pair of eyes, and he will take a serious and thorough look at this. The Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) is considering a number of cases, and there are a large number of mediations scheduled to take place in the coming months. Both those processes, and Mr Parker's review, should be allowed to run their course. If any new evidence emerges as a result of those processes, then the Government will consider whether any action would be required.



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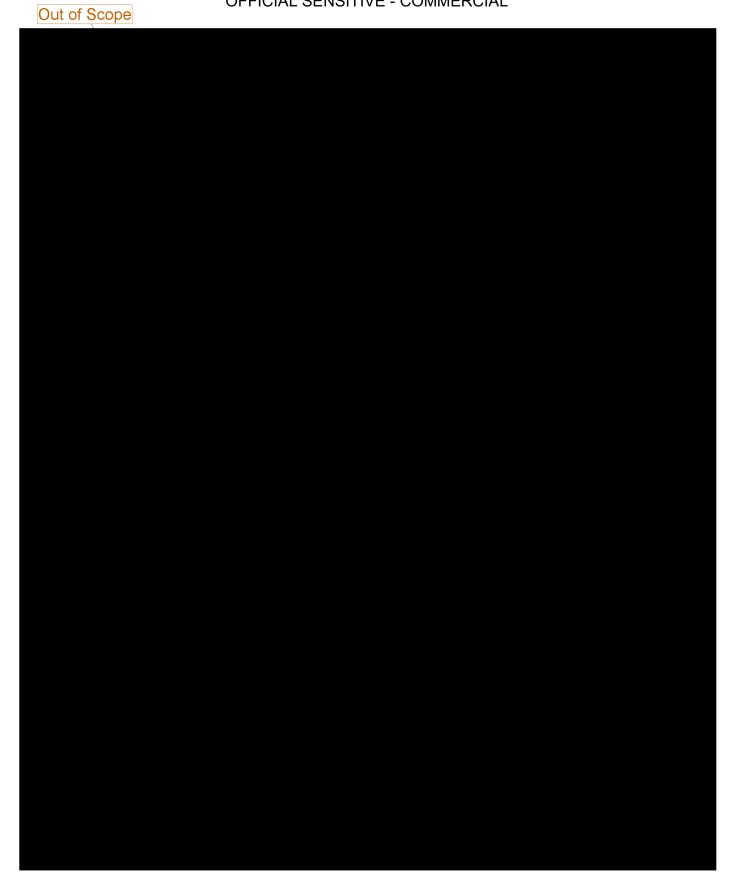
• I have also asked Tim Parker, who is the new Post Office Chairman, to look at this with a fresh pair of eyes. He will be keen to meet you and I would encourage you to do so.

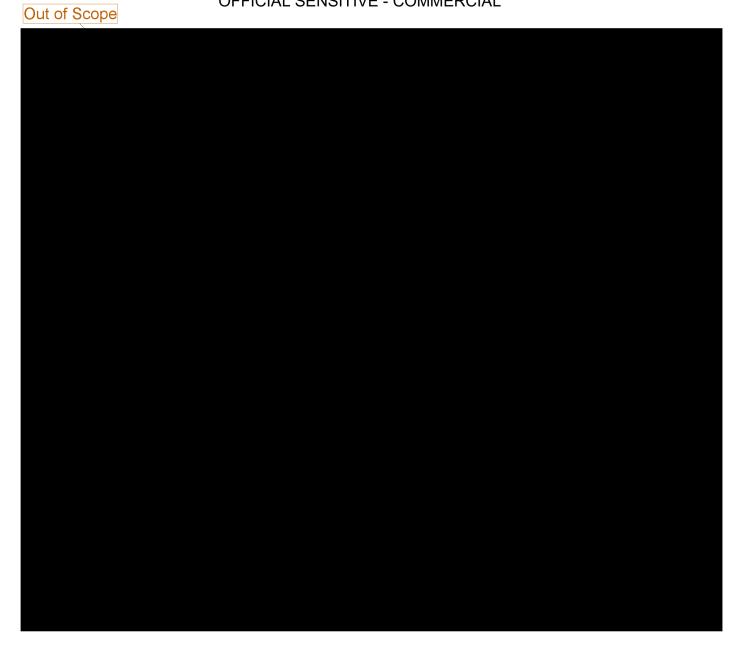


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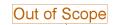
Closing remarks

- Thank you for a helpful meeting. I expect that Tim Parker will be in touch with you shortly as part of his consideration of this matter. I encourage you to meet with him and discuss in a bit more detail what you have told me.
- If you have any further points to make, I suggest you raise those with Tim.









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