

To Secretary of State
From [REDACTED] ShEx Ext [REDACTED]
Date 20 November 2015

Meeting with Tim Parker, Chair of Post Office Limited, 24th November 2015

Purpose

- This is an introductory meeting with Tim Parker, who took up the post of Chair of Post Office Limited (POL) on 1st October 2015. This is the first time you have met Mr Parker in this role. The objective is to understand Tim's first impressions of the business, its challenges, and his ideas on future direction.

Attendees

- Tim Parker (POL, Chair)
- Richard Callard (ShEx, HMG representative on POL board)

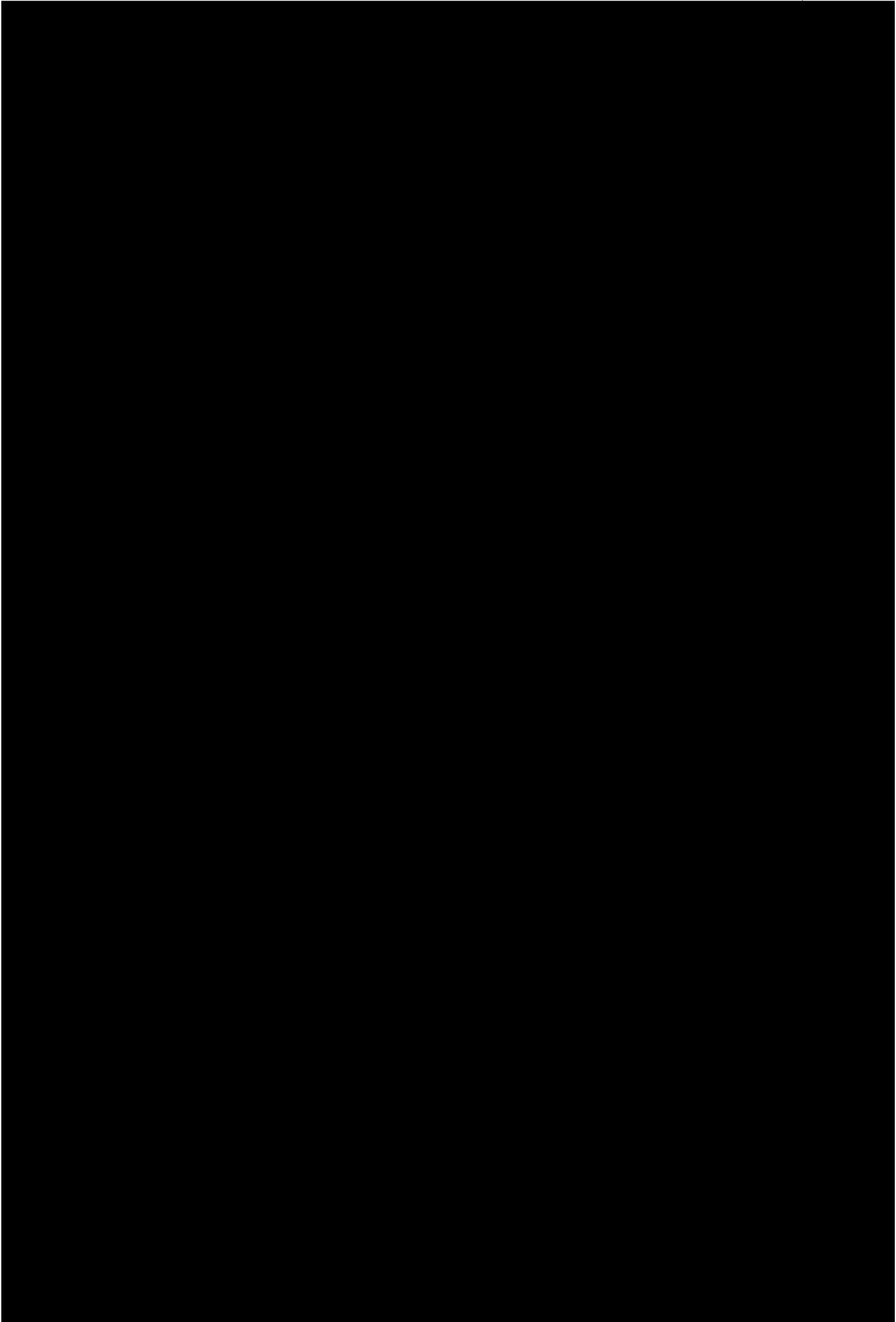
Topics likely to be raised by Tim Out of Scope

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CC list

- Baroness Neville-Rolfe, Perm Sec, George Freeman, SpAds, Richard Callard (ShEx), ShEx POL team.

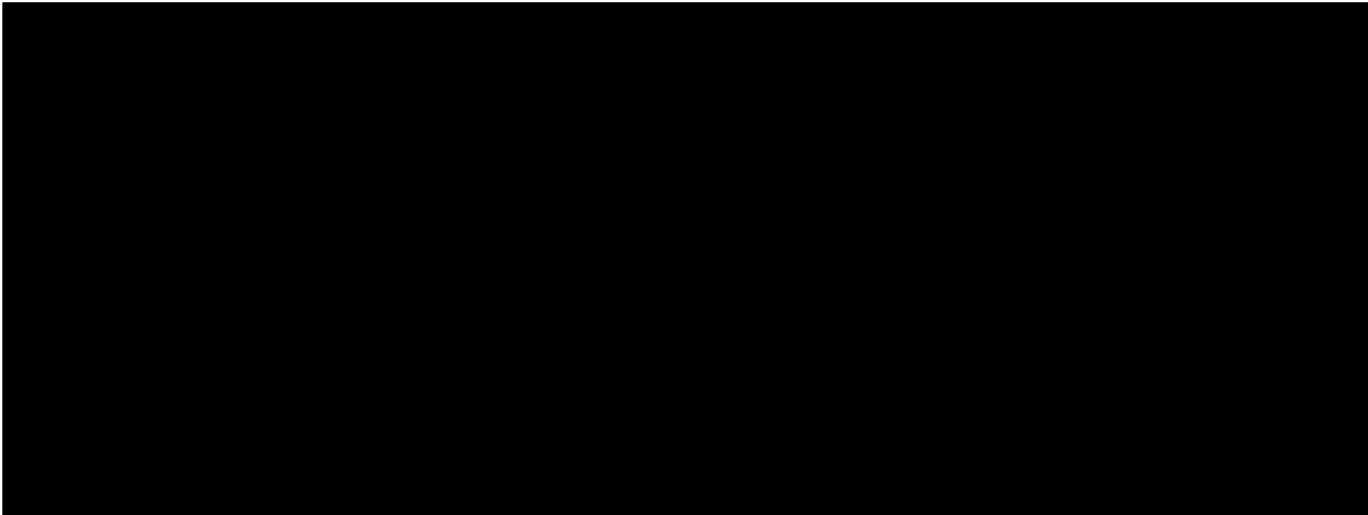
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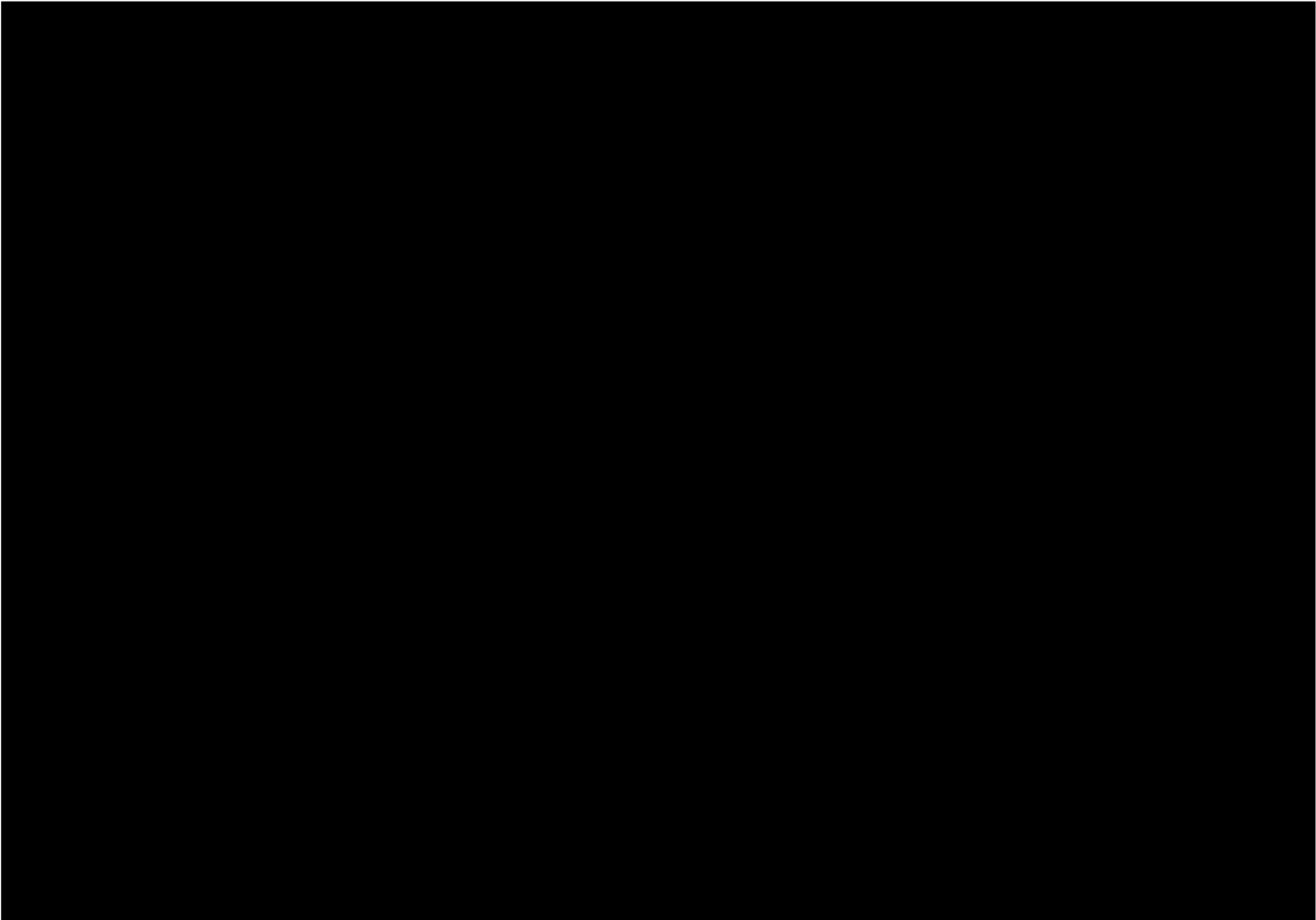
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Horizon IT System

- Tim Parker agreed with Baroness Neville-Rolfe that he would undertake a review into the Post Office “Horizon” IT system and various claims that subpostmasters have been wrongly prosecuted as a result of faults in the system. Tim has appointed a QC to assist him in that review, and expects to report back to Baroness Neville-Rolfe early in the New Year.
- We do not expect Tim will want to discuss this matter in detail. The government’s position is that, while Tim is undertaking his review, while Post Office continue to work through mediation of individual cases, and while the Criminal Cases Review Commission considers the c.20 applications on this matter, it would not be appropriate for government to intervene.



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