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**Subject:** Note to Baroness Neville-Rolfe on Post Office Horizon

**Importance:** High

As discussed, please see attached a brief note for Baroness Neville-Rolfe on a recent development on the Post Office Horizon issue. No action is required at this stage, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] However I would be grateful if the Minister could see this over the weekend.

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It remains the case that actions are underway to seek resolution on this matter: the Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) are reviewing c.20 applications; Post Office continue to make progress with mediations, with a resolution rate of c.50% to date; and Tim Parker is conducting his review of this matter having taken up his role in October.

As a further update on Tim's review:

- Tim has appointed a QC who is assisting him with the review. The QC is Jonathan Swift of 11 King's Bench Walk, who was previously First Treasury Counsel for the Government (2006-2014) and has a wide range of experience across public law.
- Tim now has meetings in the diary to meet Lord Arbuthnot and representatives from Second Sight (as separate meetings). He is also likely to meet Mr Alan Bates who is the head of the JFSA campaign group.
- Tim is keen to look into this thoroughly but promptly, and we recommend you arrange to meet him early in the New Year (as your diaries allow) to discuss his findings.

Finally, Oliver Letwin has written you a short note, copied to Andrew Bridgen, asking for an update on your meeting with Second Sight and on Tim's review. We will provide a draft reply shortly.

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