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18 January 2018

Dear Mr Walker,

Freedom of Information Request - FOI201801181345

I am writing in response to your email received by Post Office Limited ("**Post Office**") on 18 January 2018, which I am dealing with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("**FOIA**").

In your email, you have requested the following information:

In the context that there were 11,659 Post Office branches in Mar 2017 (1), with 168 less rural post offices since Mar 2016 ...

A. How many post office branches are presently closed due to financial investigations?

B. How many postmaster suspensions have there been in the year 2017/2018 so far?

C. Since 2009/2010 how many of the postmaster suspensions recorded have resulted in:

i. successful criminal prosecution?

ii. unsuccessful criminal prosecution?

iii. prosecution case rejection, by the CPS?

iv. Post Office Ltd decision to NOT proceed with a court case?

v. the subsequent permanent closure of the case branch concerned?

D. Of the postmaster suspension cases already settled how long was each branch closed-for-business, before the case was concluded?

[Less than one calendar month/More than one month (but less than 3 months)/Longer than 3 months?] Also, please include mean/mode/median average timescales (N = total number of cases since 2009/2010, excluding those presently pending case conclusion.)

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible - under section 14(2) of the Act, Post Office is not obliged to comply with a freedom of information request where the request for information relates to information that is identical or substantially similar to information previously requested by and supplied to you, and a reasonable period of time has not passed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.

In this case, the information requested was provided to you on the 08 January 2018. We do not therefore consider that a reasonable interval has elapsed from compliance with the previous identical request.

Should you wish to make a further application after 05 June 2018 when the information should be amended, this will be able to be dealt with as a further freedom of information request.

I am sorry I could not provide you with the information you requested on this occasion, however if you are dissatisfied with the handling of this response, you do have a right to request an internal review. You can do this by writing to the address below stating your reasons for your internal review request.

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If, having requested an internal review by Post Office, you are still not satisfied with our response you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely



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