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Dear Ms Shaikh,

Request under the Freedom of Information Act - FOI2021/00812

I refer to your recent request for information which I am dealing with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("**FOIA**"), as set out below:

"In the Post Office Board Monthly Report of July 1999, an entry 'Harnessing Technology/Automation' appears in a table of POCL's 'overall objectives'. The corresponding milestone for this objective is recorded as:

- successfully completing the Live Trial of Horizon by the end of September 1999;*
- installing 4,000 post offices with Horizon by the end of March 2000, subject to Government decision'.*

Please can you disclose documentation which pertains to the Government decision which authorised the rollout of Horizon at this juncture."

At present our view is that your request falls within the scope of the qualified exemption under section 43 FOIA. As permitted by section 10 FOIA, Post Office Limited ("**Post Office**") requires further time to consider the public interest test in relation to this exemption. In accordance with paragraph 4.6 of the Code of Practice, Post Office considers a 20 working day extension would be appropriate at this stage and will therefore aim to respond to you by 1 November 2021.

Yours sincerely,

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