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Our reference: FOI2021/00182

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Dear Mr Williams,

Freedom of Information Request – FOI2021/00182

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:

"Please provide me with all the correspondence between BIS and Ms Paula Vennells, MD of Post Office Ltd between 1/6/2013 to 31/12/2013.

You will of course be aware that this is a similar request to one made directly to BEIS which has attracted press and parliamentary attention due to the request being turned down by BEIS on cost grounds. I would hope that POL have much better and cheaper data retrieval mechanisms than BEIS and can supply me with the information I require."

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 given the need to consult third parties and will therefore aim to respond to you by 12 May 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Lawrence
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