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Dear Mr John O'Sullivan,

Thank you for your email of 29 June where you requested the following information:

Dear Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, This document states " While the Government believes the NFSP effectively challenges Post Office Ltd where necessary, we also recognise the need for the relationship between POL and Postmasters to improve so that both can prosper." The document is dated 25th October 2019. On Dec 16th 2019 Justice Fraser found thus " "The NFSP is not an organisation independent of the Post Office, in the sense that the word "independent" is usually understood in the English language. It is not only dependent upon the Post Office for its funding, but that funding is subject to stringent and detailed conditions that enable the Post Office to restrict the activities of the NFSP. The Post Office effectively controls the NFSP."

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy does not hold the information you have requested based on searches completed.

Appeals procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to the Information Rights & Records Unit. It would be helpful if you can tell us why you are dissatisfied with the response to your request so we may address this during the internal review.

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Yours sincerely,

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