
From: [REDACTED] (ShEx)
Sent: 07 May 2014 11:42
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] (ShEx); [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Memorandum of Understanding between the Post Office and the NFSP
Attachments: image2014-05-07-110957.pdf

Dear [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Please see attached for your information the response sent to the CWU earlier today in response to the recently received email (below for reference) regarding the ongoing discussions between the NFSP and POL.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Shareholder Executive | Department for Business, Innovation & Skills |
[REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | www.bis.gov.uk |

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From: [REDACTED] (ShEx)
Sent: 16 April 2014 17:55
Cc: Callard Richard (ShEx); [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Memorandum of Understanding between the Post Office and the NFSP

Dear [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

The below email and attachment relates to live discussions between your organisations I wanted to flag this letter for your information. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Kind regards
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From: Mark Baker [<mailto:cwupostmasters@icloud.com>]

Sent: 11 April 2014 10:43

To: Enquiry Enquiry (Other Government Departments)

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding between the Post Office and the NFSP

Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable
Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Skills
1 Victoria St
London SW1 0ET

Dear Dr Cable

Memorandum of Understanding between the Post Office and the NFSP

I have been supplied with a copy of the attached draft agreement which purports to be a Memorandum of Understanding (subject to contract) between the Post Office and the National Federation of Sub Postmasters, this document arrived via an unattributable source.

Because this agreement quotes the involvement of your department I am enquiring if you are aware of any such agreement, have sanctioned any such agreement and given that the Post Office appears to have paid the 2013/2014 element of £500k as quoted in the memorandum of understanding, has this agreement now become a signed contract between the Post Office and the NFSP?

If there is such an agreement, can you assure me that this funding has not come from nor will come from the Network Transformation funding your department has supplied to POL.

Given the substantive nature of this and other payments the Post Office have already made to the NFSP on matters relating to Network Transformation, I look forward to seeing these payments itemised in the accounts of the Post Office.

I have further concerns regarding the content of this agreement, given the large sums of money involved, there is seemingly little in return to the Post Office within this agreement, except for what can only be described as the purchasing of a vote of Conference delegates of the NFSP in November 2013. This affirmative vote then prompted your Minister for Employment Relations and Consumer Affairs, Jo Swinson MP to announce to the House further funding of £680m for the Network (subject to State Aid clearance).

It is noteworthy that following the Ministers announcement the NFSP were then paid £500,000 on the 27th. December which I believe would be the first due payment date for Novembers monies owing, as detailed within the memorandum of understanding.

As you know the Post Office is charged with returning to profit by 2015, and this level of

expenditure on an outside organisation appears to be unnecessary to the running of the company.

I look forward to your answers to the above questions.

Yours sincerely

Mark Baker
National Branch Secretary
Postmasters Branch
CWU

