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Your reference:  
Our reference: FOI2020/00993

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1 February 2021

Dear Mr Tim McCormack,

### **Freedom of Information Request – FOI2020/00993**

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("**FOIA**"), as set out below:

*"On the 10th December 2019 POL and the JFSA agreed a settlement for the GLO Litigation.*

*Please provide me with the following details of the settlement payment:*

- a) the date the payment was made*
- b) the name of the bank that the payment was made from*
- c) if the amount was greater than £50m then the actual amount of the payment*
- d) if the amount was greater than £50m then please provide documentation showing the UKGI and the SoS approved the payment".*

With respect to a), the payment was made by Post Office Limited ("**POL**") to the client account of the Lead Solicitors in the GLO Litigation, Freeths LLP, on 12 December 2019. With respect to b), the bank transfer was made from a POL account at Barclays

As to c), the amount of the payment is publicly available. See, for example, the GLO Litigation settlement deed, which is available here:

[https://www.onepostoffice.co.uk/media/47518/20191210-glo-confidential-settlement-deed-executed-version-redacted\\_-003.pdf](https://www.onepostoffice.co.uk/media/47518/20191210-glo-confidential-settlement-deed-executed-version-redacted_-003.pdf).

As to d), please see the enclosed email chain, which shows UKGI's approval of the payment. You will see that the email chain contains redactions. The redactions on pages 2 to 4 are to material that falls outside the scope of your request. As to the other redactions on page 1, these redactions have been applied to information which POL considers is exempt from disclosure under FOIA on the basis of section 40(2) by way of section 40(3A)(a) of FOIA (Personal Information). These sections provide that any information to which a request for information relates is exempt information if it constitutes personal data and the disclosure of that personal data to a member of the public otherwise than under the FOIA would contravene any of the data protection principles (set out in Article 5(1) of the EU General Data Protection Regulation ("**GDPR**"): Section 40(7) of the FOIA). Post Office has therefore redacted personal data (in this instance, names and contact details) where such disclosure to you would contravene the 'lawfulness, fairness and transparency' principle set out at Article 5(1)(a) of the GDPR. Post Office considers that it has no lawful basis on which to disclose

to you that redacted personal data since none of the lawful bases listed under Article 6(1) of the GDPR are available to it.

However, the following individuals have consented to disclosure of their names and so where the email chain only included their specific email addresses (and not their names), we have used asterisks to denote their name:

- \*: Carl Creswell – Director, Professional and Business Services, Retail and Post (BEIS);
- \*\*: Richard Watson – General Counsel (UKGI);
- \*\*\*: Ben Foat – Group General Counsel (POL);
- \*\*\*\*: Nick Read – Chief Executive (POL);
- \*\*\*\*\*: Tim Parker – Independent Chairman (POL); and
- \*\*\*\*\*: Tom Cooper – Director (UKGI).

If you have any queries about this response, please contact me. Do remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

I hope the information I have provided on this occasion is useful, 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  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF  
Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
<https://ico.org.uk>

Yours sincerely,



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