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To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: Fwd: JFSA V POST OFFICE LTD - HORIZON TRIAL

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From: [redacted]
Date: 1/23/20 11:53 (GMT+07:00)
To: Nicola.Sturgeon.msp@parliament.scot
Subject: JFSA V POST OFFICE LTD - HORIZON TRIAL

Dear Nicola Sturgeon

I'm writing to you as one of the 550 GLO claimants involved in the above litigation. You may or may not be familiar with the background or history but suffice to say it is now regarded as an exposè of probably the biggest miscarriage of justice this century. After a decade of litigation there were four trials scheduled to take place over a two year period. After outright victories for JFSA in the first and second of the trials - the two most important - POL settled out of court for a sum of £58mil and an apology. The current situation is that Lord James Arbuthnot - alongside a number of cross-party MP's - is spearheading a campaign for a Judicial Enquiry in order to hold those responsible for the ruin of so many lives to account. Hundreds bankrupted, many imprisoned and even suicides..

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The reason I am writing to you directly as opposed to my constituency MP, Deidre Brock, is because that particular avenue of communication appears to be unavailable, as I'll explain....

I approached Ms Brock initially at her surgery (Leith North) after she had unseated the Labour MP Mark Lazarowicz.

I explained to her the background and that Mr Lazarowicz had been working alongside the cross-party group of MP's in the HOC supporting our case - I explained that our constituency MP was the only means by which we could channel updates from the Minister and Mr Lazarowicz had been doing so on a regular basis..

I asked if she would be willing to continue that support under the SNP banner.

She told me to leave the portfolio I had brought along saying she would contact me directly.

She never ever did.

Four subsequent emails went without reply or even acknowledgement.

More recently our barristers - Freeths LLP - requested that we again contact our MP to alert them to the fact that POL were spending tens of millions of tax payers money defending their case.

Government being the single share holder we were requested to ask our MP if they aware of the fact and if so, what were their thoughts on the matter.

Having given up on Ms Brock I decided to write to Ian Blackford directly...which I did...twice!!

Again, not so much as an acknowledgement..

I have been a fervent supporter of the SNP and Scottish Independence all of my adult life...as are my family - my daughter a freelance journalist who actively supports the cause and my late father-in-law, a one time SNP candidate in Edinburgh.

Having lost my wife, my livelihood, my reputation and my savings - all of it down to a corrupt government agency - I am left wondering what it must take to garner the support and allegiance of the Party I support!?

That said, SNP are the Party of Independence and I shan't deviate...

Meantime we are being asked once again to approach our MP's and ask that they lend their support to Lord Arbuthnot with regard to the aforementioned JE.

As such - given my past lack of success - I am hoping that you, as First Minister, might have some influence in that direction.

I know it's not your 'patch' but it's the only other avenue I can think of.....worth a shot!

Sincerely,

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**MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING
BETWEEN SCCRC AND LAW REFORM DIVISION
16 MARCH 2020 – 14:00, TELE-CONFERENCE**

Present:

Anna Donald, Acting Deputy Director, Criminal Justice Division
[Redacted], Criminal Law & Practice Team

Gerard Sinclair, Chief Executive, SCCRC
Chris Reddick, Director of Corporate Services, SCCRC

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3.3 Mr Sinclair also provided an update on Post Office cases resulting from problems with the Horizon System which had resulted in 100 applications being received by the CCRC and 43 referrals being made so far. He confirmed that there would likely be a number of Scottish cases and would provide a further update at the next meeting.

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Chris Reddick
2 December 2020