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Dear *Paul*

Post Office and Horizon

I'm writing further to answers given in both Houses earlier this week relating to the Independent Review into the Post Office Ltd Horizon IT system.

I was pleased that Lord Callanan stated that the Chair of the Review will have full access to the Ministers and civil servants involved in this case (including relevant paperwork). I would be grateful if you can confirm that this is the case?

You also stated that in relation to compliance with the Independent Review, that "*if there are important people with important evidence that is not coming out, for whatever reason, there are mechanisms available to the chairman, Sir Wyn Williams, to look at that further and to re-evaluate*". Please could you clarify what these mechanisms are that are available to Sir Wyn?

It's crucial that the Independent Review has the powers it needs to ensure that it gets answers to the important questions that so many people across the country currently have unanswered. The very least the victims of this scandal deserve is an Independent Review that is able to credibly provide them with some justice after so many years. It would be a tragedy – indeed an incomprehensible lack of leadership – if this review fails as a consequence of your Department failing to equip the Independent Review to do its job properly.

I would be grateful if you could reply to this letter by 14 October.

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CHAIR, BUSINESS, ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY COMMITTEE