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[By email]

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Dear Mr Creswell

Post Office and Horizon: Ensuring full and fair redress

Thank you for your letter of 1 March, in response to requests the Committee made during its evidence session of 27 February. I am writing to you to address the concerns you have shared in your letter with regard to sharing a spreadsheet of anonymised data on GLO claimant offers.

Although the Committee notes your concerns about protecting data and claimants' privacy, Parliament is committed to effective safeguarding. The Business and Trade Committee is used to handling sensitive material, including papers and records related to national security. I assure you that any information regarding individuals' privacy would be handled securely in Parliament and that such data would not be published or released in the public domain. It is also worth noting that information provided to the Committee attracts parliamentary privilege. This means that data-sharing concerns do not apply in this context.

The Committee would therefore like to request again the spreadsheet of anonymised data that for each case sets out (a) how much was claimed; (b) what the initial offer was; and (c) where an agreement has been reached, what figure was agreed.

In addition, the Committee would like:

- the average time taken between claim submission and first offer for all claimants who have sought full assessment on the GLO Scheme. This average should not include those who have accepted the up-front £75,000 offer.
- a breakdown of how much has been spent on (a) interim payments and (b) final settlements across all schemes (GLO, overturned convictions and HSS).

The Committee would like a response to this request by **12 noon on Friday 15 March 2024**. If you have any questions regarding the above request, please contact the Clerk of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

Chair of the Business and Trade Committee