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[By email]

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Dear Minister,

In March 2025, I [wrote](#) to ask about your approach to ensuring justice for victims of the Post Office Capture Scandal. I asked for clarity on the progress of the Capture redress scheme, whether the Government was considering amending the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Act to include cases relating to Capture, and how affected postmasters were being communicated with. I welcomed your subsequent [commitment](#) to provide a formal update before the summer on your work to establish a redress process. However, I am aware that the Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) are still investigating 28 applications for appeal which are potentially Capture related convictions. I have also noted [reports](#) that those who suffered because of Capture software would be given 'recognition' payments before they receive full compensation.

As such, I would be grateful if you could provide answers to the following questions:

- 1) When do you expect the CCRC to have made decisions on the 28 applications that are currently being investigated?
 - How are you supporting the CCRC in their ongoing investigations to reduce potential delay?
- 2) Will sub-postmasters and their families, who are entitled to redress, receive interim payments before final full compensation?
 - How will a decision on the extent of these interim payments be made?

As you made clear in your correspondence to the Committee, a lot of time has passed for those who were affected by the Capture system. Concrete action needs to be taken as soon as possible.

I would be grateful for a response to this letter by 3 July.

Chair of the Business and Trade Committee