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Dear Lord Scriven,

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER HL15341

On 28th April 2021 you asked the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy the following Question for Written Answer:

To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the quashing of the convictions of 39 sub-postmasters at the Court of Appeal on 23 April, what assessment they have made of the possibility of repayment of any severance payment made to Paula Vennells on her departure from Post Office Ltd. (HL15341)

Please find my response below:

The Government welcomes the landmark decision by the Court of Appeal on the 23 April to quash 39 convictions, which marks another important milestone for postmasters affected by the Horizon dispute. While the Post Office is publicly owned, it is a commercial business that operates independently of the Government. BEIS has not made an assessment on of the possibility of repayment of any severance payment made to Paula Vennells on her departure from Post Office Ltd as this is a matter for Post Office Ltd.

I will be placing a copy of this letter in the Libraries of the House.

Lord Callanan