

Date 8 October 2024

Post Office 100 Wood Street London EC2V 9ER

Your Ref:

Classification:

Dear

## Freedom of Information Request – FOI2024/01293

We are writing in response to your email received by Post Office Limited ("Post Office") on 25 September, which has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOIA").

In your email you have requested the information shown verbatim in bold below:

"Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

Any correspondence sent by Tony Blair to management of the Post Office. This should be taken to include any emails, letters and messages in any format, and refined to emails if necessary due to the cost/time limit. If easier to search for keywords please do so for "Horizon" and "Fujitsu".

Please limit the above searches to the period 2002 to 2008. If necessary, please refine this to 2002 to 2007 if possible without exceeding the cost/time limit.

In the event that you exercise an exemption on any of the above data, please could you supply me with the scheduled dates of the correspondence.

There is a clear legitimate public interest in this disclosure. Blair was Prime Minister and Fuijitsu's Horizon have been at the centre of prosecutions based on faulty data."

We can confirm that Post Office does not hold the information you have requested.

For information, we carried out multiple electronic searches for correspondence within the years requested. Firstly, using the keywords "Tony Blair" and "Horizon" and "Fujitsu" which returned zero results. We then carried out a second search for "Tony Blair" and "Horizon" or "Fujitsu". Lastly, we searched for "Blair" and "Horizon" and "Fujitsu" which returned 353 hits. After a manual review, we found no correspondence sent by Tony Blair to anyone within Post Office during this time.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of this response, you do have a right to request an internal review. You can do this by writing to the address above within 40 working days of receipt of this response stating your reasons for your internal review request or alternatively, by emailing <a href="mailto:information.rights@postoffice.co.uk">information.rights@postoffice.co.uk</a>.

If, having requested an internal review by Post Office, you are still not satisfied with our response you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113 www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Yours sincerely,

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