



Horizon Compensation Advisory Board

Report of thirty-second meeting held on 30 June 2026

Members present: Prof. Christopher Hodges (Chair); Lord Arbuthnot; Lord Beamish;
Prof. Richard Moorhead

Also present: Carl Creswell; Rob Brightwell; Charlotte Heyes; Marcia King; Eleri Wones
(all Department for Business and Trade – “DBT”)

1. Acknowledgements

- DBT provided an update on recent work relating to restorative justice for postmasters. The Restorative Justice Council currently had 21 active Horizon cases. The Board expressed an interest in being kept up to date on this work going forward and also discussed potential options for further work in this area in future.
- DBT updated the Board on the 4 June oral evidence session of the [Public Accounts Committee](#) which looked at the future of redress across Government.

2. Scheme Statistics

- The Board welcomed recent progress on the Group Litigation Order scheme and the number of claims being advanced through the panel stage.
- DBT provided an update on the status of claims by unconvicted postmasters to the Capture scheme. DBT also provided a detailed overview of the claim assessment and offer process. The Board noted that concerns had been expressed by some postmasters who are going through the scheme. The Board remarked that they were generally happy with how the scheme appeared to be operating, both in terms of pace at which the scheme is being administered and the amount of redress offered. They had always recognised that the scheme could not work in the same way as the Horizon schemes, because the passage of time meant that even less evidence was available. Members commented that the Government will want to close the Capture scheme at some point but should do so with sufficient notice. As previously discussed, they believed that Capture-related convictions should be overturned.

3. AOB

- The Board noted the letter they have recently sent to the Chief Secretary to the Prime Minister listing a number of issues that it considers should be addressed so as to ensure swift justice and resolution for victims, and to prevent future scandals. The Chair has recently given evidence to the Ethics and Integrity Commission on the need for reform of public Ombudsmen as part of a wider system for the identification and response to issues in public sector bodies.
- The Board noted the further exchange of letters with the Chair of the Post Office on why it is opposing appeals, and strongly confirmed their objection to this practice.
- The Board noted the recent announcement by the Solicitors Regulation Authority that they have referred two solicitors to the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal in relation to alleged misconduct linked to the Horizon scandal. They expressed their hope that this should help encourage good practice across the legal sector in future. The Board continues to liaise with regulatory bodies on the progress of their activities.
- DBT provided an overview of the updated approach to disclosure on the Horizon Shortfall Scheme Appeals (HSSA) and the Capture scheme. This is intended to speed up the disclosure process in the coming months.
- DBT also mentioned that it had recently shared a draft HSSA Assessment Framework with claimants' lawyers.