



Horizon Compensation Advisory Board

Report of thirty-third meeting held on 23 September 2026

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

Also present: Carl Creswell; Rob Brightwell; Marcia King; Amanda McMenamin; Eleri Wones (all Department for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade – “BIST”)

1. Acknowledgements

- The Board reiterated their concern about the Department for Work and Pensions’ (DWP) review of prosecutions of people who worked for the Post Office. The Board expressed their desire for the review to consider evidence from victims, a reviewer to be appointed and for the review to commence as soon as possible.
- BIST provided an update on work relating to restorative justice for postmasters. Good progress in this area has been made since the last meeting, with positive feedback having been received so far.
- The Board noted the recent [Public Accounts Committee report](#) on the future of redress across Whitehall.

2. Scheme Statistics

- The Board noted recent encouraging progress across all redress schemes.
- BIST highlighted that they are still waiting to receive claims for some schemes. The Board noted the various challenges on this topic and expressed an interest in monitoring this issue closely. The Board also expressed their desire for claims to be submitted to the Department as soon as reasonably possible to allow the Department to begin work on providing redress to those eligible.

3. Scheme Closure

- BIST provided an overview of previously announced closure dates for each redress scheme, plus early thinking on closure of other schemes.
- The Board supported the plan to provide dates for closure across the schemes in order to provide claimants with certainty and encourage those eligible to come forward for redress.
- BIST provided an update on current progress on the Horizon Shortfall Scheme (HSS), including the number of cases awaiting claimant response and the number of

the HSS claims which have been transferred to BIST's Horizon Shortfall Appeals (HSSA) scheme. The Board noted this was a useful update and the progress that was being made to resolve the claims.

4. AOB

- The Board noted they continue to monitor various stages of investigations and issues of accountability in relation to Horizon and Post Office matters.
- The Board expressed serious concern over the recent High Court ruling in relation to the SRA and Amersi case. They noted this has implications for a wide range of regulators.

5. Minister Dearden

- The Board then met with Minister Dearden. They provided an overview of the issues relating to redress which they view as of high importance, outlined in recent correspondence.
- The Minister thanked the Board for all of their work with the Department so far and their help in progressing redress across all of the schemes. The Minister expressed her wish for the Board to continue working with the Department and officials.