

Witness Name: Dave Ward

Statement No.: WITN10070200

Dated: 24th July 2024

POST OFFICE HORIZON IT INQUIRY

SECOND WITNESS STATEMENT OF DAVE WARD

I, MR DAVE WARD, will say as follows...

CORRECTION OF EVIDENCE IN FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT

1. I am the General Secretary of the Communication Workers Union (CWU). I provided a First Witness Statement to the Inquiry on 21st June 2024 in response to matters set out in the Rule 9 Request dated 17th April 2024 (the "Request"). I am submitting the following supplementary statement to correct an error contained in my First Statement, as follows.
2. In my First Witness Statement of 21st June, I said that the CWU Postmasters Branch was established in 2014. This was my understanding at the time I

drafted my witness statement, which was based on an internal CWU document provided to me in January 2024 setting out a timeline of events during the Horizon scandal alongside details of CWU action. The timeline document was compiled by the CWU's Research Department with input from the CWU Postmasters Branch. It has since been brought to my attention, as a result of evidence provided during Tony Kearns' evidence session on 20th June 2024, that the CWU Postmasters Branch was in fact established in 2011, not in 2014. The error in the CWU's timeline document appears to have been a misunderstanding or a typographical error that was not spotted in proofreading the document.

3. Therefore, all references to the date of the establishment of the CWU Postmasters Branch and initial representation of postmasters, which are contained in paragraphs 6, 18, 35, 36, 46, 55, 67, 83 and 91 of my First Witness Statement, should be read as 2011 rather than 2014.

Statement of Truth

I believe the content of this statement to be true.

Signed: _____  _____

Dated: _____ 24th July 2024 _____