

Post Office (Horizon System) Compensation Bill

[The Speaker of the House of Commons has certified this Bill as a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.]

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Explanatory notes to the Bill, prepared by the Department for Business and Trade, have been ordered to be published as HL Bill 37—EN.

EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Lord Offord of Garvel has made the following statement under section 19(1)(a) of the Human Rights Act 1998:

In my view the provisions of the Post Office (Horizon System) Compensation Bill are compatible with the Convention rights.

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BE IT ENACTED by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Expenditure in connection with compensation schemes relating to Post Office Horizon system etc.

- (1) There may be paid out of money provided by Parliament expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State under, or in connection with, schemes or other arrangements—
- (a) to compensate persons affected by the Horizon system;
- (b) to compensate persons in respect of other matters identified in High Court judgments given in proceedings relating to the Horizon system.
- (2) “The Horizon system” means previous versions of the computer system known as Horizon (and sometimes referred to as Legacy Horizon, Horizon Online or HNG-X) used by Post Office Limited.

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This Act may be cited as the Post Office (Horizon System) Compensation Act 2024.

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