Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Bill

AMENDMENTS

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Clause 1

LORD FALCONER OF THOROTON LORD SIKKA

Clause 1, page 1, line 9, after "Service" insert "or the Department for Work and Pensions"

LORD FALCONER OF THOROTON

Clause 1, page 2, line 1, leave out subsection (5)

After Clause 9

LORD HOLMES OF RICHMOND

After Clause 9, insert the following new Clause –

"Review of power to bring prosecutions

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within six months of the passing of this Act, lay before Parliament a report on the power to bring prosecutions under section 6 of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985.
- (2) The report must, among other things, cover—
 - (a) the role of section 6 in the convictions which are quashed under this Act; and
 - (b) whether additional safeguards, such as reporting requirements on the use of such prosecutions, are needed."

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LORD HOLMES OF RICHMOND

After Clause 9, insert the following new Clause –

"Review of admissibility of computer evidence

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within six months of this passing of this Act, lay before Parliament a review of the role of computer evidence in the convictions quashed under this Act.
- (2) The review under subsection (1) may include recommendations to address any issues identified by the review in relation to standards of computer evidence used in court proceedings."

LORD HOLMES OF RICHMOND

After Clause 9, insert the following new Clause –

"Review of role of Post Office governance model in the convictions quashed under this Act

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within one year of the passing of this Act, lay before Parliament a report following a review of the role of the Governance model of the Post Office in the convictions quashed under this Act.
- (2) The review must be conducted by a group of no less than 30 individuals with recent and relevant experience in the Post Office and 66% of the membership must be made up of post mistresses and post masters, including the Chair."

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