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Dear Mr Hossack,

Paragraph

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I wrote to you on 22 September agreeing to look again into the points you have raised. In your letter to me of 8 September, you sought clarification of a number of issues and included annotated documents detailing your questions relating to each and, for clarity, I will try to deal with these in turn. In my position as Director for Jobcentre Plus in the West Midlands, I have also been asked to reply to your letter of 16 August to Leigh Lewis, the former Chief Executive for Jobcentre Plus. Please also accept this as response to your letter to me of 6 September and also your letters to Shirley Hollingsworth of 21 September and 24 September.

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First, you have highlighted that the document addressed to Waldrons Solicitors from Wragge & Co included reference to Incapacity Benefit, information known only to yourself and Jobcentre Plus. We have apologised to you, on a number of occasions for this inadvertent disclosure of information.

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You have said that Daljit Virdee's letter to Waldron's solicitors of 13 February attempts to deny the breach but that Barry Merrick's sequence of events says it took place. Although you make several references to a letter from Barry Merrick dated 8 April 2002, I can find no trace of this and therefore assume you are referring to his letter of 3 April 2002 to Keith Reeder, a member of the Departmental Data Protection Unit.

*3rd April
MH*

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In her letter, Mrs Virdee is responding to a letter to Dudley Social Security Office from Waldrons Solicitors in which they say that the Solicitors for the Defendant have been provided with information relating specifically to yourself rather than your wife and that you were concerned that there may have been

