



Oldest Post Office victim refuses higher compensation as inadequate

Description

The oldest victim of the Post Office Horizon scandal, 92-year-old Betty Brown, has recently turned down a higher offer of compensation, stating that it is still not satisfactory. Originally offered less than a third of her claim, Betty's new offer is 60%, but she feels that justice has still not been served. Betty, a former sub-postmistress from County Durham, was wrongly accused of theft due to a faulty software system that created false shortfalls in her branch. Forced to sell her successful post office at a loss, Betty has been fighting for justice for 26 years. Despite receiving support from Post Office minister Gareth Thomas, who pledged to review her case, Betty remains unsatisfied with the compensation offered. She is part of a group of victims seeking redress through legal action led by Alan Bates. The government has paid out over £892m to over 6,200 claimants, but some MPs are calling for quicker and fairer compensation for those affected by the scandal. Betty's determination to receive what she is rightfully owed highlights the ongoing challenges faced by victims of the Post Office Horizon scandal.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Compensation** /,kɒmpən'seɪʃən/ (noun): Something typically money awarded to someone in recognition of loss suffering or injury.
2. **Satisfactory** /,sætɪs'fæktəri/ (adjective): Meeting the requirements or expectations; acceptable.
3. **Justice** /'dʒʌstɪs/ (noun): The administration of the law or authority in maintaining fair treatment.
4. **Accused** /ə'kju:zd/ (adjective): Charged with a fault or crime.
5. **Restitution** /,restə'tu:ʃən/ (noun): The restoration of something lost or stolen to its proper owner.
6. **Challenges** /'tʃælɪndʒɪz/ (noun): Difficulties that require a response or solution.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What term is used to describe the overturning of a vessel?
Option: Incident
Option: Recovery
Option: Capsize
Option: Combat
2. What is the term for the process of regaining possession of a vessel after an incident?



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- Option: Unacceptable
Option: Rescue
Option: Recovery
Option: Compensation
3. Which term refers to the act of saving individuals from a vessel in distress?
Option: Introduce
Option: Recovery
Option: Rescue
Option: Streamline
4. What term denotes the maximum amount that something can contain?
Option: Emphasized
Option: Capacity
Option: Tariffs
Option: Impact
5. Which term relates to a struggle or fighting involving two or more entities?
Option: Yields
Option: Combat
Option: Confidence
Option: Unrest
6. Which term refers to limitations or controls imposed on certain actions or activities?
Option: Confiscation
Option: Unrest
Option: Outbreak
Option: Restrictions
7. Which term describes a sudden occurrence or increase of something harmful or unwanted?
Option: Cured
Option: Confiscation
Option: Restitution
Option: Outbreak
8. What term refers to tasks or situations that test one's abilities or skills?
Option: Confidence
Option: Impact
Option: Unrest
Option: Challenges
9. What is the term for the action of taking someone's property with authority?
Option: Unacceptable
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- Option: Confiscation
- Option: Yields
- Option: Tariffs

10. What term refers to something given to make amends for loss or suffering?

- Option: Impact
- Option: Compensation
- Option: Pasteurization
- Option: Confiscation

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. After the incident an _____ was assigned to examine the causes of the capsizing.
12. The level of negligence displayed by the crew was deemed _____ by the authorities.
13. The report _____ the need for better safety protocols on vessels.
14. The investment in maritime technology _____ positive results for the shipping industry.
15. Increased training and preparedness build _____ among sailors facing challenging conditions.
16. The harsh weather had a significant _____ on the vessel's stability.
17. Crew dissatisfaction led to a period of _____ on board the ship.
18. The new regulations imposed higher _____ on imported goods.
19. The outbreak of illness was effectively _____ through quarantine procedures.
20. The accused crew members faced a trial to ensure _____ was served.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The large ship was a crucial mode of transportation for cargo across the ocean.
22. The collision between two ships was recorded as a serious maritime .



23. The naval forces engaged in intense with the pirates to protect the merchant vessels.
24. The new safety protocols were to prevent future accidents.
25. Efforts to the cargo handling process led to significant time savings.
26. The captain the importance of checking the vessel's stability before departure.
27. Strong formed among the crew members during their time at sea.
28. The new navigation system better accuracy in determining the ship's position.
29. The company paid substantial to the affected families as a gesture of goodwill.
30. Navigating through the storm presented one of the greatest the crew had faced.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Capsize 2. Recovery 3. Rescue 4. Capacity 5. Combat 6. Restrictions 7. Outbreak
8. Challenges 9. Confiscation 10. Compensation

Gap-Fill: 11. Investigator 12. Unacceptable 13. Emphasized 14. Yields 15. Confidence 16. Impact 17. Unrest
18. Tariffs 19. Cured 20. Justice

Matching sentence: 1. Vessel 2. Incident 3. Combat 4. Introduce 5. Streamline 6. Emphasized 7. Bonds 8.
Yields 9. Restitution 10. Challenges

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