

Time To Give Up And Admit You Are Wrong Mr Baker

LTU is astounded that, rather than admitting it wrongly accused LTU of releasing information prematurely about the closure of six service centres, the Bank is continuing to mislead staff.

The fact is that on 11th May, when it announced that six service centres were to be closed with the loss of up to 465 jobs, the Bank's communication programme indicated that ALL AFFECTED STAFF would be advised at 9.00 a.m. This is proven by the subsequent publication by the Bank of its own 'Landscape Communication Cascade Timetable'.

The Bank is disingenuous in pointing to further briefings throughout the day. These were merely supplementary briefings to staff who had either already been advised or else not directly affected.

The logic behind the Bank issuing a copy of its Communication Timetable - which clearly proves that it was wrong and the Union was correct - is a little difficult to fathom.

Focussing On The Facts

It is high time that senior management began to understand how little it is respected by staff when it attempts to shift attention from the real issues.

Rather than trying to shift the focus away from the real issues, the Bank should instead focus on the fact that it is to make many hundreds of jobs redundant ... and for reasons we believe are connected directly to the offshoring of work to India.

Below is an example of the typical feedback from staff affected by the closure of six Group Operations service centres, after receiving the Bank and Union's recent communications:

"(management's) ... arrogance makes my blood boil. We are faced with inevitable redundancy but the Bank keeps spinning the 'redeployment' line ... 'A great place to work'. Ha!"

LTU always welcomes feedback from members regarding developments within the Bank and the content of Bank and Union communications.

Amicus-Unifi

It is disappointing that, once again, the Bank should seek to use Amicus-Unifi as a 'human shield' to deflect criticism of its axing of jobs for reasons connected with the offshoring of work to India.

Though the Bank has pointed out that Amicus-Unifi merely "expressed disappointment" to the closure programme - rather than mirroring the unambiguous, proactive opposition of LTU - we have not to criticised Amicus-Unifi's position.

Of course, both unions have adopted very different positions on the issue of Lloyds TSB jobs being offshored to India.

LTU will not flinch from its campaigning against the loss of Lloyds TSB jobs when redundancies are obviously connected directly to the offshoring of work to India.

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