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Mr Aidan Quinn
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15 March 2018

Dear Mr Quinn

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I am writing in regard to your request for information, which I received on 6 March 2018. In that request, you asked for the following information:

“Anyone who has ever had dealings with NICS is only too aware of Not an Inch thinking, of mountains of unconsidered paperwork, and of a Noted and Filed underclass who consequently suffer appalling health problems.

Is there are any record, that could be shown to the Scottish Government, or to Investor Ethics Committees, of the Assembly ever debating these things, ever giving HOCS some kind of mandate?”

I will be unable to proceed with your request without clarification of the information you wish to receive. To help us to do so, I would like to know what particular items of debate you are referring to.

For your information, the Official Report of the Northern Ireland Assembly, also known as Hansard, is the authoritative record of the proceedings of the Assembly. The Official Report is a substantially verbatim transcript of the proceedings; it reports what was said as well as what was decided. Please find a [link](#) to this information and the [plenary search](#) on the NI Assembly website. Please also find a link to [Committee information](#) as published on the NI Assembly website.

For your information, you may wish to note that it is the role of the [NI Executive](#) to provide the NICS with a mandate. Should you wish to contact the Executive regarding this matter, please find contact details below:

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Please note that if I do not receive appropriate clarification of your information requirements by 15 June 2018, which is three months from the date of this letter, then I will consider your request closed.

If you wish to discuss any of the above, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Martina Dalton

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Information Standards Officer