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Thank you for your request for information with reference to the following:

"As an Ostracised External Candidate for the Permanent Head of Service post I obviously need to know whether or not the Assembly ever debated the ethical issues surrounding the creation of Noted and Filed underclasses, and to have a copy of all minutes?"

This is basic stuff. I really cannot be expected to guess if lifelong Noting and Filing has a mandate.

Internal non - Ostracised candidates will know, and I simply have to be given the same information, on an Equal basis so the interview playing field is at least a little more level."

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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