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1. Dr Pickles mentioned to me that at her meeting with you yesterday you had expressed some anxieties about the classification of documents that could be discovered in this litigation.

2. It must be borne in mind, of course, that this is a matter within the jurisdiction of the Court, and not a select committee, which I believe operates under different rules.

3. We have been told by our legal advisers that the Plaintiffs will challenge any documents for which we claim public interest immunity. We will need to get Ministers signatures for each document for which we claim PII and this may be challenged in the Court, and has sometimes been successfully challenged. We have been further advised that in this litigation the only set of documents that would fulfil the necessary criteria are submissions to Ministers and their responses.

4. For your information I enclose a copy of the advice received by CSM and Licensing Authority in this regard in the case of the Opren Litigation.

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