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Family Law Council

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Mr Robert Kennedy
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Dear Mr Kennedy

I refer to your letter to the Family Law Council dated 21 March 2011 raising a complaint against particular staff of the Social Security Appeals Tribunal.

The function of Council (under section 115 of the *Family Law Act 1975*) is to advise and make recommendations to the Attorney-General on matters relating to the family law system. It is therefore not appropriate to lodge a complaint with the Family Law Council.

I note in your letter you have offered to submit further cases. This also would be an inappropriate action as it is likely to contravene the confidentiality of your clients.

Further correspondence of this nature will not be responded to.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Howatson".

Kim Howatson
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