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Dear Mr Balogun,

Thank you for your letter of 22 February 2005. You write further to your complaint against the Home Office and the former Lord Chancellor's Department.

I note from your letter that you are taking legal action in relation to your complaint. Under section 5(2)(b) of the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967, the Parliamentary Ombudsman is generally debarred from investigating where there is, or was, a remedy by way of proceedings in a court of law. Where the aggrieved has resorted to court proceedings, as you have done, the bar to the Ombudsman's intervention is absolute.

I am sorry to send what I know will be a disappointing reply, but as things stand the Ombudsman cannot help you.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Bevis

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