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Dear Mr Martin

Your queries refer.

This is not a relegation of the judiciary. Mr Speaker moved up two places in the list of precedence to reflect recent legislation enacted after years of discussions, papers and reports on the autonomy of Parliament being the country's highest institution. The Chief Justice is still in the first category of the list. The judges retained their position and the Magistrates moved up a number of places to reflect their responsibilities.

The relevant legislation passed in favour of Parliament and Mr Speaker was and is common knowledge so much so that the relevant bills were published months ago. The new order of precedence was circulated in early November through the normal channels within the public service reaching all Ministries and Departments.

Best regards

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Good morning Melissa,

I'm writing a follow up to the Chief Justice's remarks at yesterday's end of year reception with the President.

Dr Camilleri said the judiciary had been "relegated" in the recent revision of the order of precedence –why was this done?

Why does the judiciary now place after the Archbishop and Speaker?

Why was this done without consulting the Judiciary? And, why did the chief justice only learn of the changes when attending an event?

Why has the PPS not replied to the Chief Justice's complaints for "more than a month"?

I am writing this story today for publication in tomorrow's paper.

Thanks,

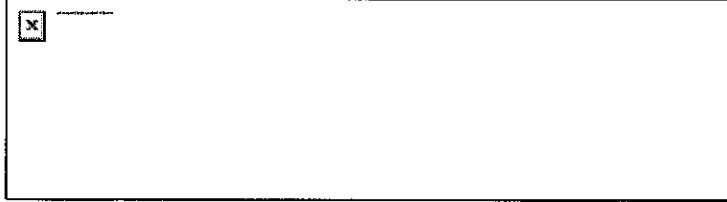
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