

Alric Lindsay

By email: Alric.Lindsay@gmail.com

25 March 2025

Dear Mr. Lindsay,

Re: Ombudsman Appeal file Lindsay 202400618; FOI/109840

This is regarding your application to the Office of the Ombudsman to appeal the Portfolio of Legal Affairs' (PoLA) non-response to your internal review requested under the Freedom of Information Act (2021 Revision) (FOIA).

On 14 May 2024, you submitted a request for a wide variety of records related to the funding of the Cayman Islands Legal Practitioners Association (CILPA), the Cayman Islands Legal Services Council (CILSC) and the Cayman Attorneys Regulatory Authority (CARA). The request was initially submitted to the Office of the Auditor General, it was transferred to Parliament on 5 June 2024, and subsequently transferred to the PoLA on 21 June 2024.

On 19 July 2024, the Deputy Information Manager (DIM) for PoLA responded and informed you that the request had been transferred and the deadline for their response was 22 July 2024.

In the same response, the DIM confirmed that a search revealed "some records which are responsive to aspects of your request" and provided a shared folder link and the following table outlining the records.

Description of record	Aspects of the request to which the record is responsive
Purchase Agreement CIG- CILPA 2020-2021	Questions 1, 2, 4, 14
Purchase Agreement CIG-CILPA 2022-2023	Questions 1, 2, 4, 14
Purchase Agreement CIG-CILPA 2024-2025	Questions 1, 2, 4, 14
Invoices and supporting docs 2020	Questions 5, 7, 13b
Invoices and supporting docs 2021	Questions 5, 7, 13b
Invoices and supporting docs 2022	Questions 5, 7, 13b
Invoices and supporting docs 2023	Questions 5, 7, 13b
Memorandum – CARA outputs 2020	Questions 10a, 13b
Memorandum – CARA outputs 2021	Questions 10a, 13b
Memorandum – CARA outputs 2022	Questions 10a, 13b
Memorandum – CARA outputs 2023	Questions 10a, 13b
CARA Financial Statements 2020	Question 10b
CARA Financial Statements 2021	Question 10b
CARA Financial Statements 2022	Question 10b

In addition, the DIM took an extension of 30 days, to conduct further searches for records responsive to the remainder of the request, advising you that the deadline would be 21 August 2024.

On 23 August 2024, as no response was received, you requested an internal review (IR), which the DIM acknowledged on the same day.

On 24 September 2024, as no further response was received from the PoLA you applied for an appeal to this office.

On 23 October 2024, we accepted the appeal.

As part of our investigation process, we engaged in communications with the POLA.

On 23 October 2024, the DIM informed us that an email was sent on 23 September 2024 with the IR decision of the Solicitor General/ Chief Officer of the PoLA and further records were released.

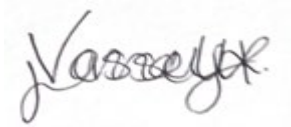
On 24 October 2024, the DIM provided you with the IR decision letter and access to the additional records via a shared folder link.

On 12 December 2024, we instructed the PoLA to complete the FOI Recording of Reasonable Search Efforts form concerning the records that the PoLA stated that it does not hold.

On 10 January 2025, the PoLA provided us with the completed Recording of Reasonable Search Efforts form outlining their search efforts, advising that there were no further existing responding records to your request.

For the reasons outlined above, this appeal is now closed.
If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Kind regards,



Jerray Vassell
Analyst, Information Rights

Cc: Adam Roberts, Information Manager, PoLA