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To: The Public Authority
The Portfolio of Legal Affairs
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23 October 2024

Re: Receipt of Appeal for Ombudsman Appeal file Lindsay 202400618; FOI/109840

This is in response to an application to the Office of the Ombudsman to appeal the Portfolio of Legal Affairs' (PoLA) non-response to grant access to records requested under the Freedom of Information Act (2021 Revision) (FOIA).

On 14 May 2024, the applicant 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) responded and informed the applicant 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 that the deadline would be 21 August 2024.

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

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

We will investigate this appeal, and the parties will be given an opportunity to resolve it informally. However, should the appeal not be resolved, it will proceed to a formal hearing before the Ombudsman.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time during this process, please do not hesitate to contact me at +1 345 244-6166 or Jerry.Vassell@ombudsman.ky . For ease of reference, I have also attached our Appeal Policy and Procedures. You will find additional information in the Resources section of our website: <https://ombudsman.ky/resources>.



Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerray Vassell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a light grey rectangular border.

Jerray Vassell

Analyst, Information Rights

Cc: Heather Walker, Deputy Information Manager, Portfolio of Legal Affairs