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Information Commissioner Issues Decision 07/2022

Hamilton, Bermuda. On 22 March 2022, the Information Commissioner issued [Decision 07/2022 Ministry of Finance Headquarters \(Ministry Headquarters\)](#). The Applicant had submitted a public access to information request (PATI request) to the Ministry Headquarters seeking records relating to the Minister of Finance's correspondence with Gencom, its subsidiaries and specific individuals within a certain time period. The Information Commissioner found that the Ministry Headquarters did not issue an internal review decision to the Applicant within the 6-week timeline set out in the PATI Act. As a result, the Information Commissioner has ordered the Ministry Headquarters to comply with the requirement to issue an internal review decision on the PATI request on or before Tuesday, 19 April 2022. In addition, the Information Commissioner recommends that the Ministry Headquarters seek training and support to improve the administration of its PATI responsibilities and its capacity to uphold Bermudians and residents' right to request access to records held by the Ministry Headquarters.

[Decision 07/2022](#) is available on www.ico.bm.

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Editor's Notes:

The ICO is an independent public office responsible for promoting the use of and overseeing compliance with the Public Access to Information (PATI) Act 2010. The PATI Act gives the public a right to access records held by public authorities, subject to listed exemptions and administrative grounds for denial of access. Individuals who are dissatisfied with the response of a public authority may seek a review by the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner shall investigate and the decisions by the Information Commissioner are legally binding.

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