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**Information Commissioner Issues Decision 09/2022**

Hamilton, Bermuda. On 24 March 2022, the Information Commissioner issued [Decision 09/2022, Department of Public Prosecutions \(DPP\)](#). The Applicant had submitted a Public Access to Information request to the DPP seeking records containing statistical information on sexual offence cases. In response, the DPP disclosed a record containing certain statistical information.

The Applicant sought an independent review by the Information Commissioner of the DPP's internal review decision, as they were not satisfied with the DPP's response to their request for the number of files concerning sexual offences passed from the Bermuda Police Service (BPS) to the DPP. Upon reviewing the disclosed record, the Applicant's explanation on the information that they were seeking and the DPP's confirmation, the Information Commissioner was satisfied that there were no issues for her to consider. While the DPP was unable to provide the requested information in the format the Applicant expected, the Information Commissioner was satisfied that the DPP's disclosure and explanation provided the Applicant with the building blocks to determine the responsive statistical information. As a result, the Information Commissioner has not required the DPP to take any further action with respect to [Decision 09/2022](#).

A summary of the information disclosed by the DPP about the number of files on sexual offence cases that were passed on by the BPS for the DPP's decision on charges between 2017 and 2021 can be found in [Decision 09/2022](#), which is available on [www.ico.bm](http://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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