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**Office of the Information Commissioner's 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements Tabled**

Hamilton, Bermuda. On Friday, 7 May 2021, the Audited Financial Statements for the Office of the Information Commissioner for the year ended 31 March 2020 were tabled in the House of Assembly. Information Commissioner Gitanjali Gutierrez is pleased to announce that for the fifth consecutive year, the ICO has received a clean and unqualified audit. As an independent public office, the Public Access to Information Act 2010 requires that the ICO's accounts are subject to an annual independent audit by the Auditor General. The financial statements are available on the ICO's website, [www.ico.bm/spending](http://www.ico.bm/spending).

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Editor's Notes:

Section 55(4) of the Public Access to Information (PATI) Act 2010 subjects the accounts of the Office of the Information Commissioner to annual audit by the Auditor General.

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) is providing services to the public and other stakeholders during regular business hours. The ICO can be reached by visiting our offices at Maxwell Roberts Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, One Church Street, Hamilton, or by calling 543-3700 or emailing [info@ico.bm](mailto:info@ico.bm).

The ICO is an independent public office responsible for promoting the use of and overseeing compliance with the PATI Act. 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.

Further information about the ICO is available at [www.ico.bm](http://www.ico.bm).