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Acting Information Commissioner Issues Decision 12/2022

Hamilton, Bermuda. On 9 May 2022, the Acting Information Commissioner issued [Decision 12/2022 Cabinet Office](#). The Applicant had submitted a public access to information (PATI) request to the Ministry of Health Headquarters (Ministry Headquarters) seeking records relating to the Molecular Diagnostic Laboratory. The Ministry Headquarters transferred the request in part to the Cabinet Office. The Acting Information Commissioner found that the Cabinet Office did not issue an internal review decision to the Applicant within the six-week timeline set out in the PATI Act. As a result, the Acting Information Commissioner has ordered the Cabinet Office to comply with the requirement to issue an internal review decision on the PATI request on or before Monday, 6 June 2022.

[Decision 12/2022](#) 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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