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**Acting Information Commissioner Issues Decision 23/2022**

Hamilton, Bermuda. On 29 August 2022, the Acting Information Commissioner issued [Decision 23/2022, Ministry of Economy and Labour Headquarters \(Ministry Headquarters\)](#). The Applicant had submitted a public access to information (PATI) request to the Ministry Headquarters seeking records of its communication with the St. Regis Bermuda Resort or its parent company, specifically about a Memorandum of Understanding on work permits for closed and restricted categories. The Acting Information Commissioner found that the Ministry Headquarters 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 Ministry Headquarters to comply with the requirement to issue an internal review decision to the Applicant on or before 19 September 2022.

[Decision 23/2022](#) 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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