

GOVERNMENT HOUSE BERMUDA

H.E. Ms Rena Lalgie Governor and Commander-in-Chief

DGO 016/001/22B

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VIA EMAIL

Ms Samantha Strangeways The Royal Gazette PO Box HM 1025 Hamilton HM DX

Dear Ms Strangeways, Notice of Decision - Internal Review of PATI Request No. 662

I refer to your request on 10 February 2022 for an internal review of the above captioned decision of 10 February 2022.

Your request for records, made to Government House, seeks public access to all correspondence/communications between Stephen Corbishley and the Governor/Deputy Governor/any other Government House employee, under provisions of the *Public Access to Information Act 2010* ("the Act").

The initial decision of the Information Officer was to partially disclose records responsive to your request. Withheld records were refused public disclosure, citing Section 23(1) as read with Section 24 of the Act.

As Head of the public authority for the purposes of the Act, I have conducted an internal review, having carefully considered the documentation with regard to your request and the initial decision.

My decision is to <u>affirm</u> the initial decision of the Information Officer to disclose the subject records already provided to you.

My decision with respect to the withheld records is to <u>affirm</u> the decision of the Information Officer.

The requested record(s) are exempt from disclosure according to *Section* 23(1), as read with *Section* 24 of the Act, as the record(s) contain personal information.

Additionally, in my judgement the statutory protections afforded to personal information and the overwhelming public interest in protecting personal information outweigh the public interest considerations in favour of public disclosure of the withheld records.

Kindly note that you have the right to request a review of this decision, by the Information Commissioner, pursuant to Part 6 of the Act. You must do so within 6 weeks of being notified of this decision.

Rena Lalgie

Yours sincerely,