



The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs

OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARY

Ref. No. AG/PS: 5/7/2 T.11

July 22, 2019

Mr. Afra Raymond
Apt 14 La Dere Street,
PORT OF SPAIN

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22/7/19

Dear Mr. Raymond,

**Re: Request for Information from the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs
under the Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 22: 02**

Reference is made to your request dated 21 June 2019 for access to official documents pursuant to Section 13 of the Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 22:02.

Your Request seeks access to the following information pursuant to Section 13 of the Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 22:02(FOIA):

1. Legal fees paid and/or due for advice on and response to Pre Action Protocol letter to Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister for Tobago Sandals Memorandum of Understanding dated 2nd August 2018;
2. Legal fees paid and/or due for advice on and response to judicial review application against Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister for Tobago Sandals Memorandum of Understanding CV2018-04403.

In respect of the information requested at item(1), the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal affairs was not involved in the retention and payment of Attorneys for the purpose of advising on and responding to the said pre-action protocol letter. This information is not held by the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal affairs within the meaning of Section 4 of the Freedom of Information Act.

In respect of the information requested at item (2), we note that your request makes reference to an erroneous Claim No. CV 2018-04403. We wish to advise that the legal fees paid and/or due for advice on and response to judicial review application CV2018-03616 Afra Raymond v the Permanent Secretary to the Prime Minister in the office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago amount to \$450,000.00(VAT inclusive).

Should you require any further information, please contact the Ministry's designated Freedom of Information Officer, Ms. Pearl Belton, at telephone number 223-2452 ext. 3434 or via email at pbelton@AG.GOV.TT.

Yours sincerely,



/f/ Permanent Secretary

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