

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL  
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2022-041**

March 28, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Hdeel Abdelhady

RE: FOIA Appeal 2022-041

Dear Ms. Abdelhady:

This letter responds to the administrative appeal you submitted to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Official Code § 2-537 (“DC FOIA”), challenging the lack of response from the Department of Employment Services (“DOES”) to your DC FOIA request.

You submitted a DC FOIA request to DOES seeking: 1) records retention policies or directives in effect at any time between January 1, 2015 and November 20, 2021; and 2) “records indicating the name(s) of the DOES’ “records management officer” or equivalent who was/were designated by the DOES as required by D.C. Code § 2-1706(b)(3), or any other applicable law, and acting as “records management officer” at any time between January 1, 2015 and November 20, 2021.”

When DOES did not respond, you filed an appeal with this Office. On February 23, 2022, DOES filed a response with this Office. In its response, DOES explained that the agency conducted a search and provided you with a document responsive to your request.<sup>1</sup>

Since your appeal only challenged the failure of DDS to respond to your FOIA request and DDS has provided you with responsive documents, we dismiss this appeal as moot. However, you may file a new appeal if you are dissatisfied with the records produced by the agency.

This constitutes the final decision of this Office. If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may commence a civil action against the District of Columbia in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 2-537.

Respectfully,

Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel

cc: Tonya A. Robinson, General Counsel/FOIA Officer  
DOES (via email)

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the agency’s response to your appeal is attached to this decision.