

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2022-126**

February 2, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Hdeel Abdelhady

RE: FOIA Appeal 2022-126

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. Code § 2-537 ("DC FOIA"), challenging the lack of response from the Department of Employment Services ("DOES") to your DC FOIA request.

On March 24, 2022, you submitted a DC FOIA request to DOES reading as follows:

This is a request for copies of the "sworn statement[s]" or other statements submitted to the DOES by The George Washington University (GWU) "showing by classifications the payroll of employees the self-insurer [GWU] who are engaged in employment within the purview of the" Workers' Compensation Act of 1979 "or similar provisions of prior law." To be clear, this request is for those sworn statements or other filings made by GWU under Section 217.8 of the regulations, or under any applicable law or in response to one or more requests by the DOES.

On April 15, 2022, you filed an appeal with this Office because DOES had not responded to your request. On April 26, 2022, we notified DOES of your appeal and requested a response. On May 5, 2022, DOES responded. In its response, DOES provided responsive records and explained that its response "was delayed so that DOES could search to ensure there were no "sworn" statements."

Because your appeal only challenged DOES' failure to respond and DOES has now provided you with responsive records, we dismiss this appeal as moot. You are free to challenge DOES' response by separate appeal to this Office.

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. Code § 2-537.

Respectfully,

Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

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