

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2022-196**

January 18, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Mr. Waleed Rabieh

RE: FOIA Appeal 2022-196

Dear Mr. Rabieh:

This letter responds to the administrative appeal that you have submitted to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Code §§ 2-531, *et seq.* (“DC FOIA”). In your appeal, you have challenged the lack of response of the Department of Employment Services (“DOES”) to your DC FOIA request.

On June 23, 2022, you submitted a DC FOIA request to DOES, identified as 2022-FOIA-07457, which sought the following:

1. All emails and calendar invites related to, either directly or indirectly, Office of Risk Management claim NO: GL-21-001567 where Dr. Unique Morris-Hughes is included in the "to" "from" "CC" or "BCC" line[;]
2. All emails and calendar invites related to, either directly or indirectly, Office of Risk Management claim NO: GL-21-001567 where Tonya Robinson is included in the "to" "from" "CC" or "BCC" line[;]
3. All emails and calendar invites related to, either directly or indirectly, Office of Risk Management claim NO: GL-21-001567 where Jason Washington is included in the "to" "from" "CC" or "BCC" line[;]
4. All emails and calendar invites related to, either directly or indirectly, Office of Risk Management claim NO: GL-21-001567 where Mohammad Sheikh is included in the "to" "from" "CC" or "BCC" line[;]
5. All emails and calendar invites related to, either directly or indirectly, Office of Risk Management claim NO: GL-21-001567 sent to or received by any individual from the Office of Risk Management by an employee of DOES not included in request 1-3[;]

6. All emails and calendar invites related to, either directly or indirectly, Office or Risk Management claim NO: GL-21-001567 sent internally between 2 or more DOES employees to discuss the ORM case[;]
7. All entries into the internal case tracking system related to DOES Inquiry #00300847 including all metadata, notes, documents, communications, logs, and steps taken to resolve the issue [and]
8. All handwritten or digital notes related to, either directly or indirectly, DOES[.]

In your August 2, 2022 appeal, you advised this Office that DOES has failed to respond to your request. We notified DOES of your appeal on August 15, 2022 and requested a response. DOES responded on September 7, 2022 by providing you with the documents that were responsive to your request.

Because you have only challenged DOES' failure to respond, and DOES has responded, we dismiss this appeal as moot. However, you are free to challenge any substantive response received from DOES 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 government in Superior Court.

Respectfully,

Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel

cc: Tonya A. Robinson, DOES FOIA Officer (via email only)