

# INFORMATION COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE CAYMAN ISLANDS



## Selected Mediation Summaries July – September 2009

**For all types of appeals, it is the Information Commissioner's overriding policy to seek a resolution by first investigating and attempting to mediate the dispute without having to resort to a formal Hearing. The following summaries are examples of matters resolved by the Information Commissioner's Office through mediation.**

### **Acting Police Commissioner's Salary Released**

A media representative asked the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service to release the salary and full contract details, of a former Acting Police Commissioner. The request was transferred to the Portfolio of Internal and External Affairs where the Chief Officer, being cautious not to disclose any personal information, decided to release parts of the requested records. The Information Commissioners Office reviewed this matter which resulted in the Chief Officer agreeing to release the requested records in full.

### **Governor defers Release of "Roll Over Policy" report**

A media representative requested a copy of the report given to the Governors Office regarding recommendations for the civil service rollover policy entitled, "Term Limit Policy for Civil Servants". The Governors Office deferred releasing the record on the grounds that it was under consideration by the Governor, and because a premature release of the record could prejudice any review of the Immigration Law that the government might undertake. At mediation the ICO examined in detail the applicability of the deferral applied by the Governors Office. During mediation the applicant later comment on the matter in the local press and subsequently withdrew the appeal.

### **No records prompts review of Planning Department procedure**

An applicant made a request to the Planning Department for Central Planning Authority minutes and other documents which would have detailed decisions made in regards to approval of particular development. The planning department provided the applicant with most of the records, but concluded that the records of the minutes that would have noted final approval for the development (after required amendments to a plan were made) could not be located. The Information Commissioner's Office reviewed the matter and was satisfied that no other records existed. However, the reasoning for why there were no other records, provided the Planning Department the opportunity to review and potentially amend some of their current procedures.