

BY EMAIL

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Dear Candidate,

Further to the announcement that you intend to contest a seat in the upcoming elections, I would like to invite you to a briefing on the Freedom of Information Law and the practical operation of that legislation. You will be aware that the FOI Law was passed in 2007, and came into effect in January of 2009, when Mrs. Jennifer Dilbert was appointed as Cayman's first Information Commissioner. Upon her retirement in 2014, HE the Governor appointed me as Acting Information Commissioner, a role I have fulfilled since then.

Freedom of Information (FOI) remains as current a topic today as it was when the Law first came into effect. As you will know, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) is now preparing to merge with the Office of the Complaints Commissioner (OCC) and others into a single Office of the Ombudsman. In addition, our office has been working with the Hon. Attorney General to prepare the Data Protection Bill, which was recently passed in the Legislative Assembly.

In my view FOI remains a fundamental tool for upholding good governance and human rights, and I believe it is a topic that each candidate in the upcoming election, and even more importantly, all legislators, should have a good understanding of.

I therefore invite you to contact Mrs. Derrylee Martin-Rankin of my office (Derrylee.Martin-Rankin@ico.gov.ky or tel: 747 5402) to schedule a meeting with myself and/or a member of my staff. We would be happy to spend some time with you, provide you with a good grounding in the Law, and try to answer any questions you may have. You are welcome to visit us individually, or along with any of your colleagues or running-mates, whichever best suits your schedule. For further information on the Freedom of Information Law and the work of the Information Commissioner's Office, please visit our website: www.infocomm.ky

I look forward to hearing from you and meeting with you in the upcoming weeks. Meanwhile, I wish you every success.

Yours truly,

Jan Liebaers

Acting Information Commissioner

