



7 June 2021

The Information Commissioner
The Right to Access Information Commission
56 Kroo Town Road
Freetown

Dear Sir,

Review of failure of Ministry of Lands, Housing and Country Planning to respond to a request for information in respect of a proposed fish harbour at Black Johnson beach

We write on behalf of the Institute for Legal Research and Advocacy for Justice (ILRAJ) and Namati Sierra Leone on the above subject. ILRAJ and Namati are non-governmental organisations working on public policy research, land rights and environmental justice, among others.

Pursuant to section 2 of the Right to Access Information Act 2013, by a letter dated 14 May 2021, we requested information from the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Country Planning (MLHCP) about the land acquisition process for the proposed fish harbour at Black Johnson, Western Area. A copy of the said letter and a copy of the Way Book showing receipt by the MLHCP are attached. Following the expiration of fifteen (15) working days without receipt of the requested information from the MLHCP, we hereby apply pursuant to section 43(b) of the Right to Access Information Act 2013 for the Commission to: review the decision of the MLHCP not to respond to our request for information; ascertain whether the MLHCP failed to comply with its obligations under the Act; and determine whether the MLHCP has committed an offence under section 48(1) of the Act.

The Commission may serve any correspondence and notice on us at Namati, 17B Murray Town Road, Freetown or via email to sierraleone@namati.org.

Yours sincerely,

Basita Michael

Basita Michael (ILRAJ)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sonkita Conteh".

Sonkita Conteh (Namati)