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REF:

June 18, 2020

Jeanette A Calder
Executive Director
Jamaica Accountability Meter Portal
7 Lady Musgrave Road, Kingston 5, Jamaica
Email: ati@jampja.org

Dear Ms. Calder,

Re: Access to Information Request Regarding Salary Overpayments (Totaling \$212,196.20)

We write regarding your captioned request under the Access to Information (ATI) Act, 2002 that was sent to this Ministry's Access to Information Desk via email on May 07, 2020 and acknowledged on May 08, 2020. The ATI Act allows persons a general right of access to *documents [whether in electronic or printed format]* that are held by public entities.

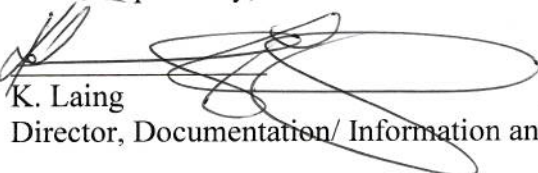
Your request noted the following:

"...Our query asked how much of the \$212, 196.20 has been recovered. The response has not provided an answer to that. It could be reasonable to deduce that the Ministry has not recovered any to date but it would not be responsible of us to provide a report based on what we think we can deduce. As such, we are referring our query back to your office for further assistance."

MICAF's Response: *We are to inform that:*

The Ministry has not yet recovered any part of the sums overpaid. Further clarification was sought from the Ministry of Finance for interpretation of Staff Order 11.6.2 (i and ii) as highlighted in the Auditor General's Report; and the Ministry (MICAF) was provided with a response indicating recovery of funds. The process of recovery has commenced, as both parties have been written to since the week of June 1, 2020 requesting recovery of the amounts overpaid. We await their responses regarding full recovery of overpaid amounts.

Yours respectfully,


K. Laing
Director, Documentation/ Information and Access Services

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