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Dear Mr. Miller,

Thank you for your application dated 02-SEP-2018, received by us on 02-SEP-2018.

The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) is pleased to grant you access to the information requested being:

1. The date that an RFP was issued for the DEH to engage private contractors to pick up garbage, how many responses were received, what criteria was used to evaluate them and who was selected?

   - There was no RFP issued by the DEH to engage private contractors to pick up garbage since the start of 2018. There have, however, been four instances this year, where the department has, under the authorisation of the Chief Officer, utilised the assistance of a private contractor for garbage pick-up during emergency situations. The contracted company was selected on the basis that it is the sole supplier of both front and rear loading equipment.

2. Does the commercial business who use skips provided and serviced by the private sector pay Government the required fees, if not what statute is use to authorise these operations?

   - Commercial businesses that use skips provided and serviced by the private sector do not pay any garbage related fees to the government. There is no statute which authorises this action, however, Cayman Islands Public Health (Garbage and Refuse Disposal) Regulations 4.1 (2011 Revision) allows the Director of the Department of Environmental Health, to grant or not to grant exemptions from the use of DEH garbage collection services to commercial premises.
3. Who authorises these payments to private sector providers and what policy, directive or laws allows such payments?

- The Director, the Department of Environmental Health, through delegation from the Chief Officer may authorise payments to private sector providers according to Cayman Islands Public Management and Finance Law, Section 40 (2012 Revision).

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at 949-6696. Please remember to quote your reference number above in any future correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

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