

# FOI DECISION NOTICE

**Scheduled Public Authority:  
Department for the Economy**

**Date: 13 May 2026**

Appeals are handled by  
the Information  
Commissioner under  
Art.46 of the Freedom  
of Information (Jersey)  
Law 2011

## THE REQUEST



The Complainant asked the Department for the Economy for information about any recommendations that had been made about the reform of the Economic Crime and Confiscation Unit (ECCU).

The request sought:

The Post MONEYVAL Ministerial Priorities and High-Level Action Plan in respect of the ECCU.

1. Full details of all of the 'recommendations for reform' referred to as having already been agreed.
2. Confirm whether there are any 'recommendations for reform' that have not been agreed; and provide full details of all recommendations.
3. Copies of any reports, memos or other documents setting out any of the 'recommendations for reform'.
4. Confirm whether any consultation with external parties has been undertaken regarding reform of ECCU.

## THE SPA'S RESPONSE



**The SPA refused to provide the information.**

The exemption relied on by the SPA for the refusal was Art.21 (A scheduled public authority need not comply with vexatious requests).

The SPA said that it had elected not to disclose the reasoning that the request had been classed as vexatious, on this occasion, given that the Complainant's previous behaviour demonstrated that this would be likely to generate further correspondence and requests.

Following an internal review requested, the SPA upheld the original decision.

## THE DECISION



**The Commissioner's decision is that the appeal is:**

**FULLY UPHELD.**

The SPA was not entitled to rely on Art.21.

The provisions of Art.21 are cumulative; the SPA must show the Complainant has no real interest in the information sought AND that the information is being sought for an illegitimate reason.

The SPA failed on both aspects; the Complainant had a real interest in the information sought and the SPA failed to provide any cogent evidence to support any stance that the information was being sought for any illegitimate reason.

The SPA must issue a fresh response to the Request and send to the Complainant within 35 days of the date of the Decision Notice.

The SPA is required to provide the Commissioner's office with confirmation the action is complete, along with copies of the additional information sent to the Complainant.