FOIC Responses to Follow-Up Questions received after the Appropriations Budget Hearing on February 16, 2023

For the General Government A Subcommittee hearing on March 13, 2023

1. What was the number of FOIA complaints opened in 2022? 604

2. How many of those remain open? Resolved 450, pending 154

3. What was the average time from an opening of a complaint to conclusion?

There are a couple of ways to answer this question, depending on the factors taken into account:

1). If considering each complaint filed in 2022 (and including all complaints that were settled, mediated or withdrawn, along with all complaints that were fully adjudicated to conclusion by the Commission), the average time is approximately four months; or

2). If considering only complaints that were fully adjudicated by the Commission in 2022 (and excluding those that were settled, mediated or withdrawn), the average time is longer, approximately nine months.

4. What is the number of complaints that have currently been open for more than one year? 84.

Note: These are complaints that were pending/ filed during the pandemic, when the Governor's Executive Order suspended the one-year statutory requirement for the Commission to hear and decide complaints brought before it; these represent the last of the complaints that were pending/filed during that time period (March 2020 through June 2021).