**The British Indian Ocean Territory or the Chagos Archipelago**

1. **Request**:

1.1 In 1967-1973, the Chagossian people, descendants of slaves emancipated under the Slavery Abolition Act 1833, were forcibly deported from their homes of five generations in the British Indian Ocean Territory by the Crown on the grounds they were contract laborers with no connection to the land. I am seeking any information the Commission may have on British Indian Ocean Territory or the Chagos Archipelago which were formerly dependent territory of Mauritius and the Seychelles.

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1. **Response**:

2.1 The Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner did not engage in any discussion or correspondence in relation to the Chagossian people, British Indian Ocean Territory or the Chagos Archipelago before or since the submission of the FOI. There is therefore nothing on record to disclose in relation to your request.

2.2 If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to iasc@iasc.independent.gov.uk if you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

2.3 As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request would be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you were to remain dissatisfied after an internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the FOIA.

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