

# **BUDGET PROMISES: BEYOND PARLIAMENT**

## **2020 END YEAR ASSESSMENT**

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## BUDGET PROMISES: BEYOND PARLIAMENT

“**Budget Promises: Beyond Parliament**” is a pioneering online platform that tracks the government’s performance in delivering on its budget promises.

The platform was launched in 2017 and seeks to answer two basic questions about the promises the government makes in its annual Budget Speech:

- Is the government doing what it is saying?
- Is the government saying what it is doing?

By giving the public access to the answers to these questions, the platform aims to

- (i) Improve visibility of the government’s budget promises; and
- (ii) Hold it accountable for these promises.

## HOW IT WORKS

Due to the absence of a budget speech in 2020, the platform tracked 24 cabinet decisions—a combination of expenditure and regulatory policy decisions—made from January to June 2020. The decisions tracked were chosen based on the ability to identify an implementing agency and those that contained trackable outcomes. In 2019, the progress of budget proposals were hindered as a result of the Easter Sunday Attacks. Therefore, 8 proposals from the 2019 Budget Speech were chosen to assess their progress in 2020.

Historically, the platform tracked the following:

Year	Expenditure proposals			Policy Proposals
	Selection Threshold <sup>1</sup>	Number of proposals	Total value of proposals	Number of proposals
2017	Above LKR 1 Bn	37	LKR 116,910 Mn	None
2018	Above LKR 1 Bn	38	LKR 149,350	None
2019	Above LKR 500 Mn	37	LKR 100,875	22

The platform is updated twice a year and assesses each of expenditure proposals using two indicators: **Openness** and **Progress**. The implementation of policy proposals is tracked using a

<sup>1</sup> In 2017 and 2018, the selection threshold was based only on the proposed allocation of expenditure for the proposals. In 2019, the selection threshold was based on the addition of the proposed allocation proposal and its already allocated amount, due to the change in reporting format of the Budget Speech.

single **Progress** indicator. The status of policy proposals were mainly assessed through publicly available information, and did not rely on requests filed under the Right To Information Act. Hence, the assessment of policy proposals does not have an indicator on openness.

A mid-year assessment of performance for the first six months is released in October of the year and an assessment of performance for the full year is released in April/May of the following year.<sup>2</sup>

## 1. CABINET DECISIONS






### 1.1. OPENNESS TRACKER

This tracks to what extent the government is **saying what it is doing** about each cabinet decisions/promise. It measures the government’s level of disclosure of information about the implementation of each cabinet decision/proposal. The tracker uses information obtained via relevant government websites and requests filed under the Right to Information (RTI) Act. In 2017 and 2018, information was also collected via visits to government agencies and informal requests with the agencies. However, this method of information collection has been discontinued.

The mid-year assessment measures the extent to which the government has been open about disclosing information on the implementation of the first six months of progress on cabinet decisions/budget promises. The year-end assessment measures the government’s openness on disclosing information on progress for the full year.

The openness categories are common to both expenditure and policy cabinet decisions/proposals.

Openness is based on the information available at the time of assessment and is categorised as follows:

	<b>Closed</b>	No information is available to determine progress for full period of assessment
	<b>Restricted</b>	Information is insufficient to determine progress of the promise for the full period of assessment
	<b>Uncooperative</b>	Information available on the promise required considerable effort to obtain and/or assess progress
	<b>Responsive</b>	Information on progress of the promise was available upon request in a timely manner
	<b>Open</b>	Information on full progress of the promise is proactively disclosed

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<sup>2</sup> As the Budget Speech for 2019 was delayed and only presented to Parliament in March 2019, only a year-end assessment was carried out in 2019.

## 1.2. OPENNESS RANKINGS FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

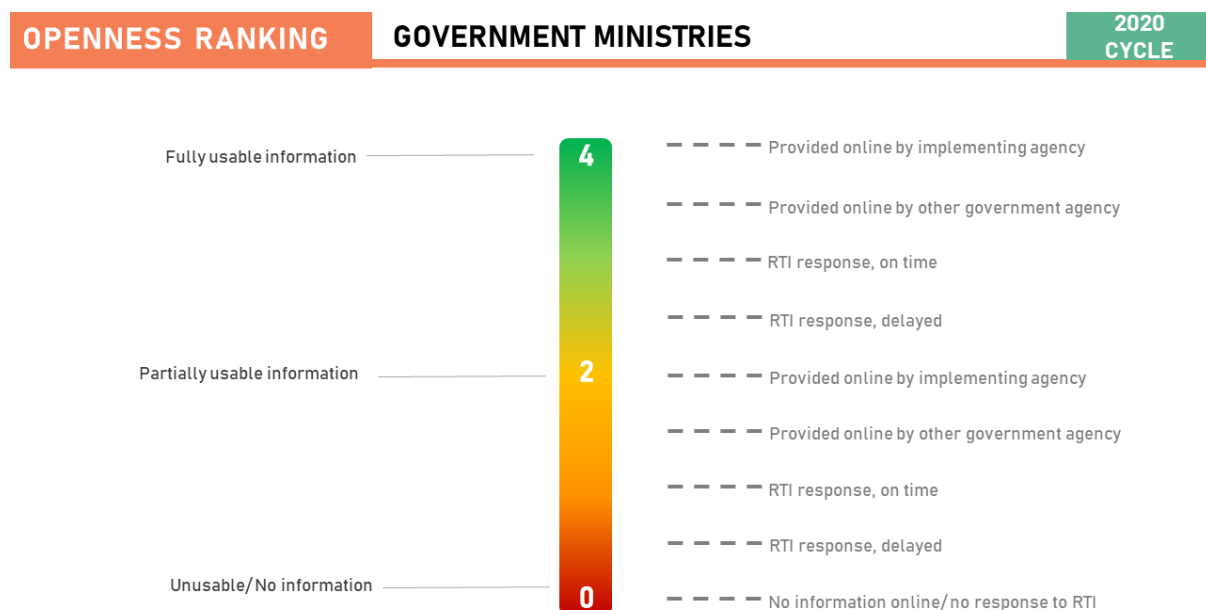
This provides a comparative ranking of the openness of government agencies in disclosing information about the cabinet decisions/promises they are responsible for. Each agency receives a score between 0 – 4, 4 indicating the highest level of openness. Government agencies are then ranked from highest to lowest, indicating their relative performance during the year.

Historically, the aggregate score for the government agency is generally calculated as a weighted average of the scores of each cabinet decision under the purview of the agency. Each cabinet decision is scored on a scale of 0 to 100. The score for each individual cabinet decision is calculated based on (i) the usability of the information in evaluating the progress of the cabinet decision and (ii) the ease of obtaining this information.

In 2020, due to the inability to obtain information on the allocations due to the lack of a budget speech that year the rankings of the agencies were calculated using a simple average method.

**Usability of information:** Each cabinet decision receives an initial score of 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4 based on whether the information available is fully usable, partially usable or unusable.

**Ease of obtaining information:** The initial score on the usability is adjusted based on the ease of obtaining the information. Proactive disclosure, i.e. providing information online is given a higher score comparison to reactive disclosure, i.e. obtaining information through requests filed under the Right to Information Act (RTI Act).








## 2. EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS







### 2.1. PROGRESS TRACKER

This tracks to what extent the government is **doing what it is saying**. It evaluates the level of progress of the government in implementing the promises, based on timelines and milestones established by the agency responsible.

For *the mid-year assessment* progress is categorised as follows:

	<b>Undisclosed</b>	No information is available on the promise or available information is unusable
	<b>Broken</b>	The promise has been dropped or postponed and is not scheduled for implementation in the year of assessment
	<b>Neglected</b>	The promise is scheduled for implementation but not initiated
	<b>Lagging</b>	The promise is being implemented but is behind schedule
	<b>Progressing</b>	The promise is being implemented and is on track or ahead of target <sup>3</sup>

For *the year-end assessment* progress is categorised as follows:

	<b>Undisclosed</b>	No information is available to determine the status of the promise or available information is insufficient/unusable
	<b>Broken</b>	No progress has been made on the promise or the promise has been removed from the action plan
	<b>Poor</b>	Progress on the promise is less than 33% of the target
	<b>Partial</b>	Progress on the promise is between 33% - 66% of the target
	<b>Substantial</b>	Progress on the promise is between 66% - 80% of the target
	<b>Fulfilled</b>	Progress on the promise is over 80% of the target

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<sup>3</sup> A promise is considered to be progressing if progress achieved as of 30 June of the budget year is within 90% of the target set for the period.





### 3. REGULATORY PROPOSALS

In 2019, the platform expanded its scope to track the progress of policy commitments made by the government in the Budget Speech. These cabinet decisions do not have an expenditure allocation.

The cabinet decisions/proposals were selected on the basis of requiring legislative enactment or a regulatory notification (gazettes) to be considered as “Implemented” or “Partially implemented”. Information was obtained from publicly available information such as gazette notifications, government circulars, and Department of Government Information communiques on cabinet decisions, and requests filed under the Right to Information Act.

#### 3.1. PROGRESS TRACKER

This tracks the level of progress made by the government in implementing the policy proposals introduced in the Budget Speech.

	<b>Undisclosed</b>	No information is available to determine the status of the proposal or available information is insufficient/unusable.
	<b>Not implemented</b>	The required legislative enactment or regulatory notification (gazette) has not been published for any part of the proposal. This has been confirmed in writing by the relevant ministry/ government institution.
	<b>Partially Implemented</b>	The required legislative enactment or regulatory notification (gazette) has been published for some but not all parts of the proposal.
	<b>Implemented</b>	The policy proposal has been fully implemented. The legislative enactment or regulatory notification (gazette) required has been published for the full scope of the proposal and no further action is required.

## 4. DETAILS OF PROGRESS, OPENNESS, AND RANKING ASSESSMENTS.

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
Improve Sanitary Facilities in Bus Terminals and Railway Stations	CLOSED	UNDISCLOSED	Ministry of Urban Development & Housing - 12
	Information was not received under the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 and web checks. The RTI was transferred from the cabinet Ministry of Urban Development and Housing to the State Ministry of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness. The RTI was transferred back to the cabinet ministry by the state ministry stating that they were not the implementing ministry of the proposal. The Cabinet Ministry failed to provide the implementing ministry of the proposal. The proposal was originally implemented by the Urban Development Authority under the Ministry of Mega polis. However, after the government change, the UDA was transferred to the Ministry of Urban Development. Hence, the latter was identified as the implementing agency.	Despite all the efforts made, it was not possible to locate the agency responsible for implementation of this proposal. Hence, no information is available to assess the progress of the proposal.	Ministry of Urban Development & Housing was ranked 12th out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 1.67 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 3 proposals assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.
Sukithapuware Township Development Programme	RESTRICTED	UNDISCLOSED	State Ministry of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness - 13



Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
	<p>The information received from the RTI stated that action plans and progress reports for the project was available online but web checks did not find any information for this proposal in 2020 online. Further, action plans by Vote on Account 2020 were received for the Ministry of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities after payment of LKR 428. However, this proposal was not mentioned in any of them.</p>	<p>No information is available to assess the progress of the proposal in 2020.</p>	<p>State Ministry of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness was one of the six government agencies ranked 13th out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 1 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.</p>
	RESTRICTED	UNDISCLOSED	Ministry of Transport - 13

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
"Sahasara" Bus Modernization Programme	Information was not received under the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 from either the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing, with which it was originally filed, and the Ministry of Transport, which it was subsequently transferred to. Information, albeit not for the full year under assessment, was available online on the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing website.	Information available online was extremely difficult to assess as annual targets and progress were not provided in a discernible way. Due to the way the information was provided online, making an assessment would require a significant amount of conjecture on the part of the assessor.	Ministry of Transport was one of the six government agencies ranked 13th out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 1 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.
Acquiring 250 New Buses with Modern Facility and User	CLOSED	UNDISCLOSED	Sri Lanka Transport Board (Ministry of Transport - 19

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
<p>Friendly Standards to SLTB</p>	<p>Information available online was extremely difficult to assess as annual targets and progress were not provided in a discernible way. Due to the way the information was provided online, making an assessment would require a significant amount of conjecture on the part of the assessor.</p>	<p>No information is available to assess the progress of the proposal in 2020.</p>	<p>Sri Lanka Transport Board was one of the six government institutions ranked last out of the 24 government institutions assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 0 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2020, which was under the purview of the ministry.</p>

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
Ran Mawath Rural Roads Maintenance and Construction Programme	RESPONSIVE	SUBSTANTIAL	State Ministry of Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure - 4
	Information was received in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. The RTI was transferred from the cabinet ministry to the state ministry. Further, no information is available online.	Information received from the RTI states that no physical targets were set for the year but expenditure was incurred for bill payments. In 2019, this proposal was classed as undisclosed as information was not received. However, information received in 2020 suggests that physical progress did take place as funds were utilised to settle bills. Hence, based on the budgetary allocation and actual expenditure, substantial progress was deemed to have taken place.	The State Ministry of Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure was one of the five government institutions ranked 4th out of 24 government institutions assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 3 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2020, which was under the purview of the ministry.
"Gramashakthi" Production Village Programme	RESPONSIVE	SUBSTANTIAL	State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment, Business Development and Underutilized State Resources Development (Information was received from the Department of

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
	<p>Information was received from the Department of National Budget under the request filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. The Ministry of Finance later informed that the State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment, Business Development and Underutilized State Resources Development was the current implementing agency of this proposal. No information on the proposal is available online for 2020.</p>	<p>Physical targets and physical progress of the project were not provided by the RTI and financial progress was used as a proxy by comparing the actual amount spent with the allocation for the year. In their RTI response, the Department of National Budget stated that the allocated amount and actual expenditure is based on the information available at the department and more information could be found by filing an RTI with the State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment, Business Development and Underutilized State Resources Development, the current implementing agency. The department also states that the project was transferred multiple</p>	<p>National Budget, Ministry of Finance) - 4</p> <p>The State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment, Business Development and Underutilized State Resources Development was one of five government institutions ranked 4th out of 24 government institutions assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 3 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2020, which was under the purview of the ministry.</p>

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		times across multiple spending agencies during the year.	
Disaster Management Contingency Fund	RESTRICTED	UNDISCLOSED	Disaster Management Centre - 13
	<p>The RTI was initially filed with the Ministry of Defence and subsequently transferred to the State Ministry of National Security and Disaster Management. However, the state ministry claimed they did not receive the letter and hence, the RTI was refiled directly with the Disaster Management Centre. The information provided by The Disaster Management Center was not relevant to this specific proposal. No information is available online regarding the proposal.</p>	<p>The information received from the RTI includes the Progress Summary Report as of 31st December 2020 for the Disaster Management Centre, Action Plan for 2020 for Mitigation Research and Development, Action Plan for 2020 for Preparedness Planning Division, Revised Action Plan 2020 for Training and Awareness and the Action Plan 2020 for Emergency Operation Center. However, none of these documents contains any information on the Disaster Management Contingency Fund and therefore, the progress of the proposal cannot be assessed.</p>	<p>Disaster Management Centre was one of the six government agencies ranked 13th out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 1 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 2 proposals assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.</p>
	RESTRICTED	UNDISCLOSED	Disaster Management Centre - 13

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National Natural Disaster Insurance Scheme	<p>The RTI was initially filed with the Ministry of Defence and subsequently transferred to the State Ministry of National Security and Disaster Management. However, the state ministry claimed they did not receive the letter and hence, the RTI was refiled directly with the Disaster Management Centre. No information is available online regarding the proposal.</p>	<p>The information received from the RTI includes the Progress Summary Report as of 31st December 2020 for the Disaster Management Centre, Action Plan for 2020 for Mitigation Research and Development, Action Plan for 2020 for Preparedness Planning Division, Revised Action Plan 2020 for Training and Awareness and the Action Plan 2020 for Emergency Operation Center. However, none of these documents contains any information on the National Natural Disaster Insurance Scheme and therefore, the progress of the proposal cannot be assessed.</p>	<p>Disaster Management Centre was one of the six government agencies ranked 13th out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 1 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 2 proposals assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.</p>
Expanding of opportunities to enrol in the Interest Free Student Loan Scheme granted for students to pursue Degree Programmes at the Non Governmental	RESPONSIVE	PARTIAL	Ministry of Education - 4
	<p>Action plans and progress reports were received in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No.12 of 2016. No information on the proposal is available online.</p>	<p>The action plan for 2020 targeted 5000 students and the progress report states that as at the end of the 4th quarter of 2020, 2242 students have been enrolled. There is a slight difference between the number</p>	<p>The Ministry of Education was ranked 4th out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 3.00 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached</p>

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Higher Education Institutes		provided in the progress report as 'number of students enrolled' (2242 students) and number of students 'registered' for 2020 (2569 students) provided in the Summary Report of Student Enrolment - IFSL. For the purpose of the calculation, the figure given in the progress report has been taken.	to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 2 proposals assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.
Availing provisions for the settlement of unsettled bills of the Year 2019	OPEN	PARTIAL	Department of National Budget (Ministry of Finance) - 3
	Information was obtained through the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. The RTI was transferred multiple times between the Department of National Budget and Department of Treasury Operations as both agencies claimed that the other was the implementing agency. Finally, the response was received from the Department of National Budget. Information on the value of unsettled bills, equal to the value given in the cabinet decision, is available online in the Ministry of Finance Annual Report 2019. Information on the progress of the proposal was available online in the Ministry of Finance Annual Report 2019 and Budget Speech of 2021.	Based on the information received in response to the RTI, a resolution was drafted by the Legal Draftsman and cleared by the Attorney General for the payment of these unsettled bills of 2019. The resolution was withdrawn and it did not proceed to the voting stage after being tabled in Parliament. Therefore, the Treasury did not proceed to implement said cabinet decision. However, information available online states that LKR 242.7 billion was	Ministry of Finance was ranked 3rd out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 3.40 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 5 proposals assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.



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		settled and hence, progress was classified as being partial.	
Bandaranaike International Airport Development Project - Phase II Stage 2 Package 'A'	RESTRICTED	UNDISCLOSED	Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited - 13
	No information was received under the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. There is reference to a 3 month work plan and commencement of activities in the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited's website but the actual plans are not available. The ERD lists this project with a brief description, the TEC value and loan value under ongoing projects.	Sufficient information is unavailable to assess the level of progress of the proposal. The information available online, however, suggests that the project did in fact commence in 2020.	Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited was one of the six government agencies ranked 13th out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 1 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.
Obata Geyak - Ratata Hetak' - A comfortable house for every family	OPEN	PARTIAL	National Housing Development Authority (State Ministry of Rural Housing and Construction & Building Materials Industries Promotion) - 1

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
	<p>No information was received under the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. The Authority rejected the request for information as the requester was a private company, citing part 1, Section 3(1) of the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016. Information on the proposal is available online in a Parliamentary Hansard dated 10th February 2021.</p>	<p>In response to the questions raised in Parliament, the State Minister of Rural Housing and Construction and Building Material Industries stated that construction of 11, 317 houses has already commenced and 5000 houses have been gifted to the public.</p>	<p>National Housing Development Authority was one of the six government agencies ranked 1st out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 4 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.</p>
<p>Providing of 150,000 Domestic Drinking Water Connections</p>	<p>RESPONSIVE</p>	<p>POOR</p>	<p>National Water Supply and Drainage Board (Ministry of Water Supply) - 4</p>
	<p>Action plans and progress reports were provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. General information on the proposal is available online such as the initial allocation but they are insufficient to assess progress.</p>	<p>The progress report states that 42770 connections were provided during the first 2 quarters out of the 150,000 connections targeted. The RTI response also states that the progress of the project was negatively affected by COVID-19.</p>	<p>National Water Supply and Drainage Board was one of the five government agencies ranked 4th out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 3 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1</p>

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			proposal assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.
Increasing of the 'Mahapola Scholarship' instalment granted to students selected for the University entrance and expanding the number of such scholarship opportunities	CLOSED	UNDISCLOSED	Ministry of Trade - 11
	No information was received under the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. The RTI was transferred to the Ministry of Trade and no response was received from the Ministry. There is general information online about the expenditure on the Mahapola Scholarship online but it is not directly related to this cabinet decision.	Sufficient information is unavailable to determine the progress of the decision. No information was received through RTI; the Fiscal Management Report 2020-21 gives the amount spent on Mahapola scholarships for the period Jan-Aug but this information cannot be used to assess progress without the use of a significant amount of conjecture.	The Ministry of Trade was ranked 11th out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 2 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 2 proposals assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.
Dedicated Access Road to the Passenger Terminal of the Bandaranaike International Airport	CLOSED	UNDISCLOSED	Ministry of Tourism - 19
	No information was received under the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. No information on the progress of the promise was available through web checks.	No information is available to assess progress for the year.	The Ministry of Tourism was one of the six government institutions ranked last out of the 24 government institutions assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 0 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached

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			to degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2020, which was under the purview of the ministry.
Design and Construction of 1000 Housing Units at the Stadiumgama	RESTRICTED	UNDISCLOSED	Ministry of Urban Development & Housing - 12
	No information was received under the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. Partial information on the project is found online in documents titled "Disclosure of Information on Development Projects for General Public as a Right of the People - 2021" and "Physical and Financial Progress of Development Projects and Programmes as at 30th June, 2020". No action plans or progress reports for the specific project are available online.	In the document titled "Physical and Financial Progress of Development Projects and Programmes as at 30th June, 2020", this project is one of six projects that fall under the Ministry's "Support to Colombo Urban Regeneration Project". The financial and physical targets and progress is therefore given as an aggregate for "Support to Colombo Urban Regeneration Project" as opposed to the individual 6 projects. However, the document states that "Design and Site mobilization work" is ongoing for Stadiumgama as at 30th June 2020. In the document titled "Disclosure of	Ministry of Urban Development & Housing was ranked 12th out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 1.67 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 3 proposals assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.

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		<p>Information on Development Projects for General Public as a Right of the People - 2021", this project is listed as ongoing and gives general information on the number of units to be constructed, contractor, duration of the project, project components etc.,. However, there are discrepancies between the two documents and the information is insufficient to accurately calculate progress.</p>	
Design and Construction of 300 housing units at	RESTRICTED	UNDISCLOSED	State Ministry of Rural Housing and Construction & Building Materials Industries Promotion - 18

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
<p>Obesekarapura (Arunodaya Mawatha, Rajagiriya)</p>	<p>No information was received under the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. Partial information on the project is found online in documents titled "Disclosure of Information on Development Projects for General Public as a Right of the People - 2021" and "Physical and Financial Progress of Development Projects and Programmes as at 30th June, 2020". No action plans or progress reports for the specific project are available online.</p>	<p>In the document titled "Physical and Financial Progress of Development Projects and Programmes as at 30th June, 2020", this project is one of six projects that fall under the Ministry's "Support to Colombo Urban Regeneration Project". The financial and physical targets and progress is therefore given as an aggregate for "Support to Colombo Urban Regeneration Project" as opposed to the individual 6 projects. However, the document states that "Design and Site mobilization work" is ongoing for Stadiumgama as at 30th June 2020. In the document titled "Disclosure of Information on Development Projects for General Public as a Right of the People - 2021", this project is listed as ongoing and gives general information on the number of units to be constructed, contractor, duration of the project, project</p>	<p>State Ministry of Rural Housing and Construction &amp; Building Materials Industries Promotion was ranked 18th out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 0.50 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 2 proposals assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.</p>

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		<p>components etc.,. However, there are discrepancies between the two documents and the information is insufficient to accurately calculate progress.</p>	
<p>Implementation of Solar Power Projects under the Indian Lines of Credit</p>	<p>RESTRICTED</p>	<p>UNDISCLOSED</p>	<p>Ministry of Power</p>
	<p>No information was received under the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. No action plans or progress reports are available online but the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority has issued a tender to seek consultants for the pre-feasibility study of a large scale PV power plant that will be built using part of the loan.</p>	<p>No information is unavailable to assess progress of the project. The Request for Expressions of Interest document, found online, suggests that plans are underway for the implementation of at least a part of this project.</p>	<p>Ministry of Power was one of the six government agencies ranked 13th out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 1 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2020, which</p>

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			were under the purview of the authority.
Establishment of 'Multi Activity Development Task Force'	RESPONSIVE	PARTIAL	Department of Multipurpose Development Task Force (Presidential Secretariat) - 4
	Information was received from the request filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. Further, the estimated and provisional annual allocations for the department is available online in the 2020 and 2021 Approved Budget Estimates respectively.	Information received from the RTI stated that the Department of Multi Activity Development Task Force was established on 19.12.2019. The department was previously under the Ministry of Defence but has started operating as it's own spending agency from September 2020. During the first stage, 34,553 people were recruited for the training programme. The RTI states that the main functions of the department had to be limited, sometimes stopped, due to COVID-19 which impacted the implementation of the programme.	Department of Multipurpose Development Task Force was one of the five government agencies ranked 4th out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 3 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.



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<p>Construction of Permanent Houses with New Technology Concrete Panels for conflict affected people in the Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka</p>	CLOSED	UNDISCLOSED	State Ministry of Rural Housing and Construction & Building Materials Industries Promotion - 18
	<p>No information was received under the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. No information on the progress of the promise was available through web checks.</p>	<p>No information is available to determine the progress of the promise.</p>	<p>State Ministry of Rural Housing and Construction &amp; Building Materials Industries Promotion was ranked 18th out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 0.50 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 2 proposals assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.</p>
<p>Financing the projects implemented by the Road Development Authority and the National Water Supply and Drainage Board</p>	CLOSED	UNDISCLOSED	Ministry of Highways - 19
	<p>No information was received under the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. No information on the progress of the promise was available through web checks.</p>	<p>No information is available to determine the progress of the promise.</p>	<p>The Ministry of Highways was one of the six government institutions ranked last out of the 24 government institutions assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 0 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached</p>

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			to degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2020, which was under the purview of the ministry.
Continuation of the Micro Financing Credit Facility Programme uninterruptedly for indebted people living in the Northern and North Central Provinces	RESTRICTED	UNDISCLOSED	Ministry of Finance - 3
	Information on the progress of the proposal was received only from the Anuradhapura District Secretariat through a request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 filed with the Ministry of Finance. The information provided is incomplete and difficult to decipher. General information is available online about the project.	Information was only received from the Anuradhapura District Secretariat and the progress was given in total up to 31.01.2021. As a breakdown by year is not provided and since the programme has been in effect since 2018, whether progress has been made in 2020 cannot be ascertained. The progress report states that LKR 250 Mn was received by the Secretariat on 2018.10.22 and LKR 23.599 Mn has been disbursed till 31.01.2021. Therefore, there is insufficient evidence to assess progress for the year.	Ministry of Finance was ranked 3rd out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 3.40 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 5 proposals assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.
	CLOSED	UNDISCLOSED	Ministry of Health - 19

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<p>Japanese Yen 800 million Non project Japanese Grant Aid of for supplying medical equipment required for COVID 19 pandemic prevention activities</p>	<p>The request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 was initially filed with the Ministry of Health. It was transferred to the Ministry of Finance stating that the latter was the implementing ministry. However, the External Resources Department of the Ministry of Finance responded stating that they just had the name of the contractor but the actual implementing ministry was the Ministry of Health and thereby all action plans and progress reports should be with them. Therefore, no information was actually received from the RTI response and information on the proposal, beyond the initial press releases, are not available online.</p>	<p>No information is available to determine the progress of the promise.</p>	<p>The Ministry of Health was one of the six government institutions ranked last out of the 24 government institutions assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 0 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2020, which was under the purview of the ministry.</p>
<p>Granting relief for the tourist industry during the post COVID-19 pandemic</p>	<p>RESPONSIVE</p>	<p>FULFILLED</p>	<p>Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (Ministry of Tourism) - 2</p>
	<p>Partial information was received under the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. The RTI response stated that out of the 6 relief measures mentioned in the cabinet decision, the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority was only responsible for the one-off payment of Rs.20,000/- per tour guide and Rs.15,000/- per tourist driver registered under the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (point 3 and 4). The Performance Report for the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Board (titled Sri Lanka Tourism Sri</p>	<p>As the RTI response clearly states that the Sri Lanka he Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority was only responsible for the one-off payment of Rs.20,000/- per tour guide and Rs.15,000/- per tourist driver registered under the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (point 3 and 4), progress was only assessed for these two relief measures. Information on</p>	<p>Sri Lanka Tourist Development Authority was one of the five government agencies ranked 4th out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 3 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2020, which</p>

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	Lanka Tourism Year In Review: 2020), available online, provides partial information on the relief measures.	the physical targets were not available online or through the RTI response and financial progress was used as a proxy. Based on this, LKR 35 Mn was allocated for the One-off payment of Rs.20,000/- per tour guide and LKR 40.32 Mn was actually spent. Financial allocations for the other relief measure under their purview is not provided making it impossible to assess progress on that.	were under the purview of the authority.
Finance (Amendment) Bill	OPEN	IMPLEMENTED	Ministry of Finance - 3
	Information was obtained through the Finance Amendment Bill, No. 2 of 2020 available online on the website of the Department of Government Printing. The request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 also directed us to the online source of information.	On 12 October 2020, the Finance Amendment Act, No. 2 of 2020 amended Section 36 of the Finance Act No. 35 of 2018, and terminated the Debt Repayment	Ministry of Finance was ranked 3rd out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 3.40 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of

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		Levy with effect from 01 January 2020.	openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 5 proposals assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.
Amendment of the applicable labour legislations to make the minimum age a worker can be employed as 16 years concurrent to the World Day Against Child Labour, 12th June 2020	OPEN	PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED	Ministry of Labour - 1
	Information on the proposals was available online on the website of the Department of Labour. The request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 also directed us to the online source of information.	<p>Based on the information made available by the Department of Labour, the following amendments have been made.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Shop and Office Employees (Regulation of Employment and Remuneration) (Amendment) Act, No.1 of 2021 – certified on 18 January 2021</li> <li>2. The Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children Act, No. 2 of 2021 – certified on 18 January 2021</li> <li>3. The Minimum Wages (Indian Labour)(Amendment) Act, No. 3 of 2021 – certified on 18 January 2021</li> <li>4. The Factories (Amendment)</li> </ol>	Ministry of Labour was ranked 1st out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 4 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.

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		<p>Act, No. 4 of 2021 – certified on 18 January 2021.</p> <p>No information was received pertaining to the amendments to the Employees Provident Fund Act, No. 15 of 1958 was available.</p>	
<p>Increasing the Upper Ceiling of the loan facilities granted under the Smallholder Agribusiness Partnership Programme (4P) and providing Matching Credit and Matching Grant facilities for Agri Value Chain Project Promoters</p>	<p>RESTRICTED</p> <p>A letter from the Programme Director of the Smallholder Agribusiness Partnerships (SAP) Programme addressed to the Director of the Regional Development Department of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka was obtained. However, information pertaining to the implementation of these proposals was not obtained. Hence, it was not possible to determine full progress based on the information received due to insufficient information.</p>	<p>PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED</p> <p>The upper ceiling of the loan facilities under the SAPP was increased from LKR 300,000 to LKR 500,000. However, no information pertaining to the matching credit and matching grant facilities for agri value chain producers was available.</p>	<p>Ministry of Agriculture -10</p> <p>The Ministry of Agriculture was ranked 10th out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 2.50 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 2 proposals assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.</p>
	<p>OPEN</p>	<p>PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED</p>	<p>Ministry of Agriculture -10</p>

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<p>Enhancing the Income of Big Onions Farmers' through the increase of the Minimum Guaranteed Price of the Government for Big Onions and enhance the production of big onions by increasing productivity</p>	<p>Information was obtained through the Action Plan and Progress Report available on the website of the ministry. The request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 also directed us to the online source of information.</p>	<p>Extraordinary Gazette issued by the Ministry of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development increased the price of big onions to LKR 100. No provision was available pertaining to the increase in onion cultivation.</p>	<p>The Ministry of Agriculture was ranked 10th out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 2.50 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 2 proposals assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.</p>
<p>Access to the Madrid Protocol for the implementation of the International Registration of Trade and Service Marks under the Madrid Agreement and to make amendments to the Intellectual Property Act, No.36 of 2003 accordingly</p>	<p>OPEN</p> <p>Information was obtained through the Intellectual Property (Amendment) Act No. 8 of 2021, available online on the website of the Department of Government Printing.</p>	<p>NOT IMPLEMENTED</p> <p>Based on the information made available, no amendment was made as at 18 January 2021 as per the Intellectual Property (Amendment) Act No. 8 of 2021.</p>	<p>Ministry of Trade - 11</p> <p>The Ministry of Trade was ranked 11th out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 2 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 2 proposals</p>

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			assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.
Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill	OPEN	IMPLEMENTED	Ministry of Finance - 3
	Information was obtained through the Notice PN/IT/2020-03 (Amended) available online on the website of the Department of Inland Revenue. The request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 also directed us to the online source of information.	The Department of Inland Revenue issued Notice PN/IT/2020 - 03 (Amended), on 18 February 2020, that implemented the exemption of interest income from withholding tax, amending the Pay-As-You-Earn (PAYE) tax rates, amending income tax rates applicable on the terminal benefits and exemption of income tax and income tax rate changes with effect from 01 January 2020. Further, implementation confirmation is available in the Inland Revenue (Amendment) Act No. 10 of 2021, certified on 13th May 2021.	Ministry of Finance was ranked 3rd out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 3.40 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 5 proposals assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.
	CLOSED	UNDISCLOSED	Ministry of Foreign - 19



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Withdrawal of the proposed Bill on Counter Terrorism	No information was received under the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. No information on the progress of the promise was available through web checks.	No information is available to determine the progress of the promise.	The Foreign Ministry was one of the six government institutions ranked last out of the 24 government institutions assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 0 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2020, which was under the purview of the ministry.
Implementation of the proposal pertaining to wages in the plantation sector	CLOSED	UNDISCLOSED	Ministry of Plantation - 19
	No information was received under the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. No information on the progress of the promise was available through web checks.	No information is available to determine the progress of the promise.	The Ministry of Plantation was one of the six government institutions ranked last out of the 24 government institutions assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 0 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed

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			in 2020, which was under the purview of the ministry.
Granting the Strategic Project Development Status and incentives for the proposed investment in Colombo Port City by CHEC Port City Colombo (Private) Limited	OPEN	IMPLEMENTED	Ministry of Urban Development & Housing - 12
	Information was obtained through the Extraordinary Gazette available on the website of the Department of Government Printing.	Minister of Finance issued an extraordinary gazette on 24 November 2020, that identified the Colombo Port City as a Strategic Development Project. Section 3, sub-section (2) of the aforesaid Act achieves this.	Ministry of Urban Development & Housing was ranked 12th out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 1.67 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 3 proposals assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.
Presenting of the Gazette Notifications under the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) for approval in Parliament	OPEN	IMPLEMENTED	Ministry of Finance - 3
	Information on the Extraordinary Gazettes was available on the website of the Department of Government Printing. In addition, information on these gazette notifications being presented in parliament was available online on the website of the	On 10 September 2020, the Extraordinary Gazette Notifications 2152/11, 2152/12, and 2152/13, was tabled in Parliament.	Ministry of Finance was ranked 3rd out of the 24 government agencies assessed in 2020. The rank was determined based on the simple average score of 3.40 received by the ministry (simple average based on scores attached to the degree of

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	Parliament of Sri Lanka through the Parliamentary Hansards.		openness). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 5 proposals assessed in 2020, which were under the purview of the authority.

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