

# **BUDGET PROMISES: BEYOND PARLIAMENT**

## **2018 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

BudgetPromises.Org tracks new expenditure proposals or ‘promises’ in the Budget Speech (listed in Annex 2 of the Speech) which have an allocation of over LKR 500 million. In 2019, the platform also begun tracking policy proposals, such as changes to legislation and regulations, which do not have an expenditure allocation.

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 single **Progress** indicator. The status of policy proposals were mainly assessed through publicly

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<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.

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. EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS

### 1.1. OPENNESS TRACKER

This tracks to what extent the government is **saying what it is doing** about each promise. It measures the government’s level of disclosure of information about the implementation of each promise. 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 budget promises. The year-end assessment measures the government’s openness on disclosing information on progress for the full year.

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.

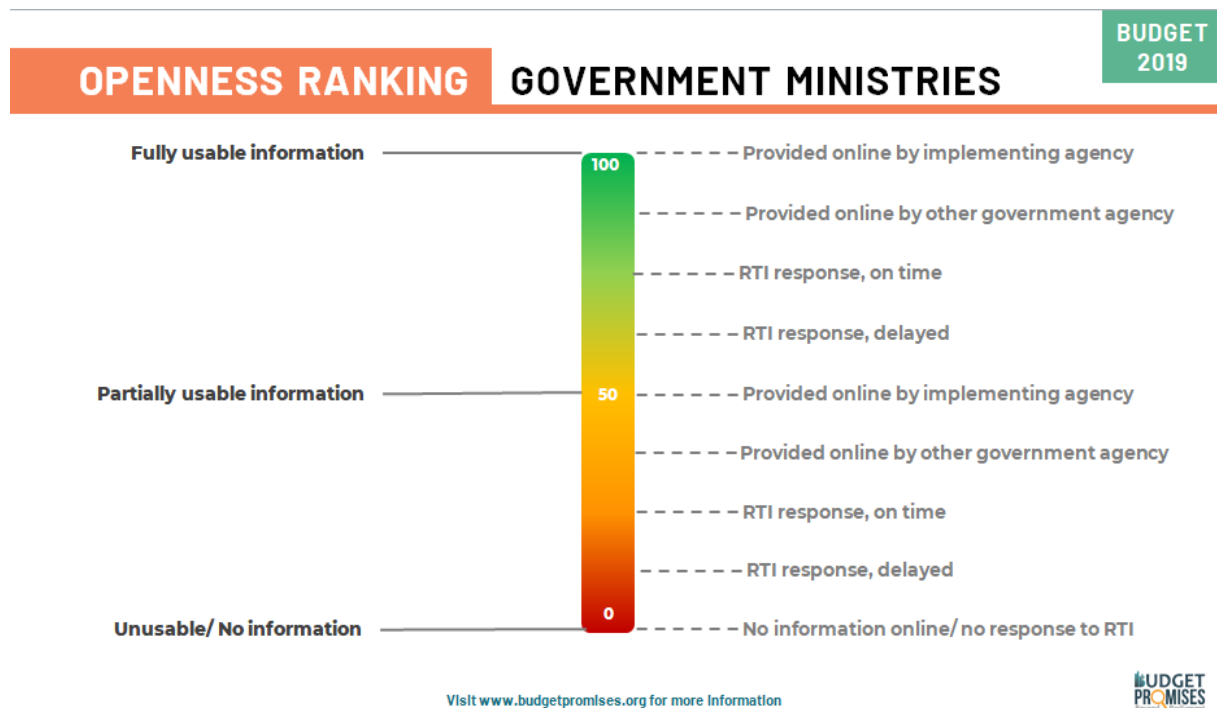
## 1.2. OPENNESS RANKINGS FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

This provides a comparative ranking of the openness of government agencies in disclosing information about the promises they are responsible for. Each agency receives a score between 0 to 100, with a score of 100 indicating the highest level of openness. Government agencies are then ranked from highest to lowest, indicating their relative performance during the year.

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

**Usability of information:** Each promise receives an initial score of 100, 50 or 0 based on whether the information available is fully usable, partially usable or unusable.






**Ease of obtaining information:** The initial score on 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).









### 1.3. 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.





## 2. POLICY PROPOSALS

In 2019, *BudgetPromises.Org* expanded its scope to track the progress of policy commitments made by the government in the Budget Speech. These proposals do not have an expenditure allocation.

The proposals were selected on the basis of requiring legislative enactment or regulatory notification (gazettes) to be considered “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. When no public information on the policy was available, ministries were directly contacted for information via letters, phone calls, and emails.

### 2.1. 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.

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

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
Concessional loans scheme to companies in agriculture, agro-processing including drip irrigation, poultry, canning, plantation, and Hotel industry, to generate electricity from solar power for their own use	Responsive	Partial	Ministry of Finance
	Information on progress was obtained through the action plan and progress report provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. Further information on progress was also received from the responsible government agency in response to a request made by email.	Only four of the eight activities outlined in the action plan have been completed in 2018. Hence, progress is assessed as 50%.	
Develop Aruwakkalu waste disposal and management site	Open	Partial	Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development



Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
	<p>Information on progress was obtained through the action plan and progress made available of the website of the responsible government agency. Further, information was also provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 and a request made by email to the responsible government agency.</p>	<p>Based on the information made available, progress as of 31 December 2018 was 63% of the target set for 2018.</p>	
<p>Support the ground water monitoring mechanism</p>	<p>Responsive</p>	<p>Fulfilled</p>	<p>Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries &amp; Aquatic Resources Development</p>

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
	Information on progress was obtained through the action plan and progress report received from the responsible government agency in response to a request made by email.	Based on the information made available, progress as of 31 December 2018 was 93% of the target set for 2018.	
Establish Haritha Udyana in every Pradeshiya Saba	Open	Partial	Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
<p>division as a Public Private Partnership</p>	<p>Information on progress was obtained through the action plan and progress report made available on the website of the responsible government agency. Further, information was also provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 and a request made by email to the responsible government agency.</p>	<p>Based on the information made available, progress as of 31 December 2018 was assessed as 39% of the target set for 2018. Progress was assessed by weighting progress of activities outlined in the action plan by their total cost, since the allocation for each activity was not provided. Total cost for all sub-activities under the promise exceed the budget allocation for the promise in 2018.</p>	<p>The Ministry ranked 8th out of 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 61.3 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 7 proposals assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.</p>

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
Nilwala Eliya Model Park	Open	Poor	Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development
	Information on progress was obtained through the action plan and progress report made available on the website of the responsible government agency. Further, information was also provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 and a request made by email to the responsible government agency.	Based on the information made available, progress as of 31 December 2018 was assessed as 10% of the target set for 2018. Progress was determined as an average of the progress of all the activities under the promise since separate allocations for the activities were not provided. For two of the four activities under the promise, no progress was reported and was assumed to be 0%.	
Cleaning 10 lagoons	Responsive	Partial	Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
	Information on progress was obtained through the action plan and progress report provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016.	Based on the information made available, progress as of 31 December 2018 was 45% of the target set for 2018.	
Desilt small and medium tanks	Responsive	Substantial	Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development
	Information on progress was obtained through the action plan and progress report received from the responsible government agency in response to a request made by email.	Based on the information made available, progress as of 31 December 2018 was assessed as 75% of the target set for 2018. Progress was assessed by weighting progress of activities outlined in the action plan by their allocation. Progress for ongoing activities was assumed to be 50%.	
Introduce a contributory Insurance scheme for farmers	Restricted	Fulfilled	Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development,

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
			Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development (Previously the Ministry of Agriculture)
	<p>Information on progress was obtained through the progress report received from the responsible government agency in response to a request made by email. However, it was not possible to determine progress based on the information received, due to incomparability with the stated targets of the project that were set out in the action plan obtained in the mid-year assessment. Progress was determined using "Progress of Large-Scale Development Projects and Programmes as of 30th September 2018" made available on the website of Department of Project Management and Monitoring.</p>	<p>Based on the information made available online by the Department of Project Management and Monitoring, progress as of 30 September 2018 was 100% of the target set for 2018. However, based on the information received via email from the responsible government agency, only 22% of the allocation for the promise was disbursed by the Treasury in 2018. Hence, available funds were insufficient to carry out most activities outlined in the original action plan.</p>	
Developing and upgrading the	Responsive	Fulfilled	Ministry of Agriculture, Rural

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
Fishery Harbors anchorages landing sites			Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development (Previously the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs)
	Information on progress was obtained through the action plan and progress report provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016.	Based on the information made available, progress as of 31 December 2018 was assessed as 87% of the target set for 2018. Progress was assessed by weighting progress of activities outlined in the action plan by their allocation. In line with previous action plans (which have since been revised), progress for activities in the detailed design stage was assumed to be 2% and for activities in the procurement stage was assumed to be 5%.	.
Establishment of a Development Bank	Restricted	Undisclosed	Ministry of Finance (Originally assigned to the Ministry of

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
	Some information on the promise was obtained in response to a request by email to the responsible government agency. However, this information was insufficient to determine progress.	The information available is insufficient to determine the progress of the promise.	National Policies and Economic Affairs)
Grama Shakthi and Poverty Eradication Programme	Restricted	Undisclosed	Presidential Secretariat
	Information on progress was obtained through the action plan and progress report provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. Further information on progress was also received from the website of the President's Media Division. However, it was not possible to determine progress based on the information received, due to incomparability with the stated targets of the project that were set out in the action plan.	While extensive information on the progress of the promise has been provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016, it was not possible to determine the extent of the activities conducted in line with their targets, and thereby progress.	
Provide infrastructure facilities for Rojana	Responsive	Broken	Ministry of Development Strategies and International Trade



Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
industrial park in Milleniya.	Information on progress was obtained through a response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 and the action plan made available on the website of the responsible government agency. Further, information on progress was also obtained using "Progress of Large-Scale Development Projects and Programmes as of 30th September 2018". Due to the change in the scope of the promise following the failure to reach an agreement with the investment partner, Rojana Industries, Thailand, the promise is determined to be broken.	Due to the change in the scope of the promise, the promise has been categorised as broken	
Establish an "Employment Preparation Fund" at MNPEA	Closed	Undisclosed	Ministry of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs (Previously the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Project Management and Southern Development)

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
	<p>No information was provided in response to the phone call made to the responsible government agency and to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016. Further, no information that could be used to determine progress of the promise was available on the website of the responsible government agency. In response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No.12 of 2016, the responsible government agency stated that 'Youth Affairs, Project Management and Southern Development' is not under their purview and requested that the RTI request be filed with the relevant ministry. However, as per Gazette No. 2103/33 (issued 28.12.2018) Youth Affairs was brought under the purview of Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement &amp; Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training &amp; Skills Development and Youth Affairs (currently the Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement &amp; Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs as per Gazette 2115/1, issued on 18.03.2019).</p>	<p>No information is available to determine the progress of the promise.</p>	
Support to the skill development programmes	Responsive	Substantial	National Youth Corps

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
conducted by the Youth Corp	Information on progress was obtained through the action plan and progress report provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016.	Based on the information made available, progress as of 31 December 2018 was 78% of the target set for 2018.	
Swiss and German governments will establish five Technical Colleges in collaboration with the German Technical School	Closed	Undisclosed	Ministry of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs (Previously the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Project Management and Southern Development)
	No information was provided in response to the phone call made to the responsible government agency and to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016. Further, no information that could be used to determine progress of the promise was available on the website of the responsible government agency. In response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016, the responsible government agency stated	No information is available to determine the progress of the promise	

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
	that 'Technical and Vocational Education' did not fall under their purview.		
Education Reforms	Restricted	Substantial	Ministry of Education
	Information on progress was obtained through the action plan and progress report provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. However, it was not possible to determine progress based on the information received since progress was not reported consistently across activities. Progress was determined using "Progress of Large-Scale Development Projects and Programmes as of 30th September 2018" made available on the website of the Department of Project Management and Monitoring	While extensive information on the progress of the promise has been provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016, it was not possible to determine the extent of the activities conducted in line with their targets, and thereby progress. Based on the information made available online by the Department of Project Management and Monitoring, progress as of 30 September 2018 was 80% of the target set for 2018.	
Continuous Professional	Restricted	Undisclosed	Ministry of Education

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
Development for Teachers	Information on progress was obtained through the action plan and progress report provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. However, it was not possible to determine progress based on the information received since progress was not reported consistently across activities	While extensive information on the progress of the promise has been provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016, it was not possible to determine the extent of the activities conducted in line with their targets, and thereby progress.	
Establishment of state medical faculties at Wayamba, Sabaragamuwa and Moratuwa Universities	Restricted	Partial	Ministry of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education (Previously the Ministry of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs)
	Information on progress was obtained through the action plan and progress report provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. However, it was not possible to determine progress based on the	Based on the information provided in response to a request for information filed under the Right to Information Act, progress of one component of the promise (Establishment of medical faculty at Wayamba University) was 55%. However, it was	

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	<p>information received since progress for a substantial component of the proposal (Establishment of state medical faculties at Sabragamuwa University), which has an allocation of LKR 900 million, could not be assessed. Progress for this component was determined using "Progress of Large-Scale Development Projects and Programmes as of 30th September 2018" made available on the website of the Department of Project Management and Monitoring.</p>	<p>not possible to determine progress based on the information received since progress for a substantial component of the proposal (Establishment of state medical faculties at Sabragamuwa University), which has an allocation of LKR 900 million, cannot be assessed. Based on the information made available online by the Department of Project Management and Monitoring, progress for this component as of 30 September 2018 was 57% of the target set for 2018. Hence overall progress of the promise was assessed as 56%. Progress was assessed by weighting progress of activities outlined in the action plan by their allocation.</p>	
<p>Expand Technology stream degree programmes in 7 new Technology Faculties</p>	<p>Responsive</p>	<p>Partial</p>	<p>Ministry of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education (Previously the Ministry of Higher Education &amp; Cultural Affairs)</p>

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
	Information on progress was obtained through the progress report provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016.	Based on the information made available, progress as of 31 December 2018 was assessed as 51% of the target set for 2018. Progress was assessed by weighting progress of activities outlined in the action plan by their allocation.	
Establish a Sports School and Academy at Diyagama and preparation of the sport complex for South Asian Games in 2020	Responsive	Partial	Ministry of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports (Previously the Ministry of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports)
	Information on progress was obtained through the progress report received from the responsible government agency in response to a request made by email.	Based on the information made available, the extent of activities that were expected to be covered in 2018 under the promise that have lapsed to 2019 are 50%. Hence the progress of the promise as of 31 December 2018 was assessed as 50%.	

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Upliftment of Sugathadasa outdoor stadium	Responsive	Poor	Ministry of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports (Previously the Ministry of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports)
	Information on progress was obtained through the progress report received from the responsible government agency in response to a request made by email.	Based on the information made available, the extent of activities that were expected to be covered in 2018 under the promise that have lapsed to 2019 are 90%. Hence the progress of the promise as of 31 December 2018 was assessed as 10%.	
Provide 20,000 housing units under the Urban Regeneration Project by 2020 for low-income segment	Open	Substantial	Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development
	Information on progress was obtained through the action plan and progress report made available on the website of the responsible government agency. Further,	Based on the information made available, progress as of 31 December 2018 was assessed as 75% of the target set for 2018. Progress was	



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	information was also provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 and a request made by email to the responsible government agency.	assessed by weighting progress of activities outlined in the action plan by their allocation.	
Construct houses in the Northern and the Eastern Provinces	Restricted	Fulfilled	Ministry of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs (Previously the Ministry of Housing & Construction)
	No information on progress was provided in response to both a physical visit to the responsible government agency and a request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016. Further, no information that could be used to determine progress of the promise was available on the website of the responsible government agency. Progress was determined using "Progress of Large-Scale Development Projects and Programmes as of 30th September 2018", made available on the website of Department of Project Management and Monitoring.	Based on the information made available online by the Department of Project Management and Monitoring, progress as of 30 September 2018 was 87% of the target set for 2018. Progress was assessed by weighting progress of activities outlined in the action plan by their allocation.	
Construct houses in the plantation sector	Responsive	Partial	Ministry of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure &

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
			Community Development
	Information on progress was obtained through the progress report received from the responsible government agency in response to a request made by email.	Based on the information made available, progress as of 31 December 2018 was 51% of the target set for 2018.	
Owner driven housing scheme and support for improvements to the existing houses in rural sector	Closed	Undisclosed	Ministry of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs (Previously the Ministry of Housing & Construction)
	No information on progress was provided in response to both a physical visit to the responsible government agency and a request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016. Further, no information that could be used to determine progress of the promise was available on the website of the responsible government agency.	No information is available to determine the progress of the promise	
Urban Regeneration Project	Open	Substantial	Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
	Information on progress was obtained through the progress report made available on the website of the responsible government agency. Further, information was also provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 and a request made by email to the responsible government agency.	Based on the information made available, progress as of 31 December 2018 was assessed as 77% of the target set for 2018. Progress was assessed by weighting progress of activities by their allocation. Where progress was reported for sub-activities for which separate allocations were not provided, the average progress for the activity as a whole was calculated and weighted by its allocation	.
Township and strategic city development programme in Kandy, Anuradhapura, Galle Jaffna	Open	Fulfilled	Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development
	Information on progress was obtained through the progress report made available on the website of the responsible government agency. Further, information was also provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 and a request made by email to the responsible government agency.	Based on the information made available, progress as of 31 December 2018 was assessed as 83% of the target set for 2018. Progress was assessed by weighting progress of activities outlined in the action plan by their allocation.	
To implement the master plan for	Closed	Undisclosed	Ministry of City Planning, Water

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
Kalmunai and Samanthurai and to develop townships in lagging regions			Supply and Higher Education (Previously the Ministry of City Planning & Water Supply)
	No information on progress was provided in response to both a request for information to the responsible government agency, made over the phone and a request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016. Further, no information that could be used to determine progress of the promise was available on the website of the responsible government agency.	No information is available to determine the progress of the promise	
Central Expressway Project	Restricted	Substantial	Ministry of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development (Previously the Ministry of Highways and Road Development)
	No information on progress was provided in response to both a request for information to the responsible government agency, made over the phone, and a request for information filed under the Right to Information Act	Based on the information available online by the Department of Project Management and Monitoring, it was possible to determine the progress of the separate sections of the project as	

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	<p>No. 12 of 2016. Further, information available on the website of the responsible government agency could not be used to determine full progress of the promise. Progress was determined using "Progress of Large-Scale Development Projects and Programmes as of 30th September 2018", made available on the website of the Department of Project Management and Monitoring.</p>	<p>of 30th September 2018. For the two components of Section I, progress was determined to be 84% and 32% of their target for the year (75% and 19%). For the two components of Section II, progress was determined to be 83% and 96% of their target for the year (100% and 45%). For Section III, overall progress for land acquisition was determined to be 80% of its target for the year (100%). For Section IV, progress was 91% for the year (75%). Hence, progress for the promise in 2018 is determined to be substantial.</p>	
<p>Improve the Rural Road network</p>	<p>Closed</p>	<p>Undisclosed</p>	<p>Ministry of Highways &amp; Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development (Previously the Ministry of Highways and Road Development)</p>
	<p>No information was provided in response to both a request for information to the responsible government agency made over the phone and a request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016. Further, no information that could be used to</p>	<p>No information is available to determine the progress of the promise.</p>	

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	determine progress of the promise was available on the website of the responsible government agency.		
Rehabilitation of roads that were affected by the disasters due to floods and landslides	Responsive	Fulfilled	Ministry of Public Administration & Disaster Management (Previously the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources and Disaster Management)
	Information on progress was obtained through the progress report provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016.	Based on the information made available, progress as of 31 December 2018 was assessed as 82% of the target set for 2018. Progress was assessed by weighting progress of activities outlined in the action plan by their total estimated cost. It was not possible to weight progress by allocation since reporting on allocation for 2018 at the activity level was not consistent as the promise was initiated prior to 2018.	
Capital infusion for BOC	Open	Fulfilled	Ministry of Finance (Previously the Ministry of Finance and Mass Media)

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
	Information on progress was made available on the website of the Bank of Ceylon. Further, information was also provided in response to a request made by email to the responsible government agency.	Based on the information made available, progress as of 31 December 2018 was 100% of the target set for 2018.	
ICTA to improve service delivery through the infusion of the technology and digitalization	Responsive	Substantial	Ministry of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports (Previously the Ministry of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment)
	Information on progress was obtained through the action plan and the progress report provided in response to a request made by email to the responsible government agency.	Based on the information made available, progress as of 31 December 2018 was assessed as 77% of the target set for 2018. Progress was assessed by weighting progress of activities outlined in the action plan by their allocation. In the case of one activity in the action plan (ICT in education), no physical targets had been set and no progress information was available in the progress report, and thus this was omitted from the calculation.	

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<p>Strengthening Reconciliation focused on economic empowerment and social infrastructure development and Special programme to address the needs of the differently abled women in the Northern and the Eastern Provinces</p>	<p>Restricted</p>	<p>Undisclosed</p>	<p>Ministry of National Integration, Official Languages, Social Progress and Hindu Religious Affairs (Previously the Ministry of National Integration, Reconciliation and Official Languages)</p>
	<p>No information on progress was provided in response to a request for information to the responsible government agency made over the phone. Only the action plan was provided in response to a request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016. Further, no information that could be used to determine the progress of the promise was available on the website of the responsible government agency.</p>	<p>No information is available to determine the progress of the promise.</p>	
<p>Strengthening Reconciliation focused on economic empowerment and social infrastructure development and Special programme to address the needs</p>	<p>Responsive</p>	<p>Fulfilled</p>	<p>Ministry of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement &amp; Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs (Previously the Ministry of</p>



Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
of the differently abled women in the Northern and the Eastern Provinces			Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development & Hindu Affairs)
	Information on progress was obtained through the progress report provided in response to a request made by email to the responsible government agency.	Based on the information made available, progress as of 31 December 2018 was 100% of the target set for 2018.	
Supporting indebted people in Northern and North Central Provinces through Credit Cooperative societies	Responsive	Fulfilled	Ministry of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs (Previously the Ministry of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development & Hindu Affairs)
	Information on progress was obtained through the progress report provided in response to a request made by email to the responsible government agency.	Based on the information made available, progress as of 31 December 2018 was 100% of the target set for 2018.	

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Support selected small industries in the Northern province through the Producer Cooperatives	Responsive	Fulfilled	Ministry of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs (Previously the Ministry of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development & Hindu Affairs)
	Information on progress was obtained through the progress report provided in response to a request made by email to the responsible government agency.	Based on the information made available, progress as of 31 December 2018 was assessed as 98% of the target set for 2018.	
Resettlement of Muslim IDP's - Provision of housing and infrastructure	Responsive	Substantial	Ministry of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
			operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development (Previously the Ministry of Industry & Commerce)
	Information on progress was obtained through the progress report provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 and in response to a request made by email to the responsible government agency.	Based on the information made available, progress as of 31 December 2018 was assessed as 72% of the target set for 2018. Progress was assessed by weighting progress of activities outlined in the action plan by their allocation. In the case of the activity "Rehabilitation of Mannar Town with shopping complex and a bus stand and township development program at Silawathrai in Musali DS division", progress was assumed to be 50% because the required approvals have been obtained and work had commenced according to the progress report received for the mid-year assessment. Similarly, in the case of the activity "Operation and maintenance of schools, hospitals and PMU", the progress was assumed to be 100% since the allocation for the activity had been fully utilised.	
Support the establishment of the	Restricted	Undisclosed	Ministry of National Integration, Official Languages, Social

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Office of the Missing Persons (OMP)			Progress and Hindu Religious Affairs (Previously the Ministry of National Integration, Reconciliation and Official Languages)
	Information on progress was obtained through the document provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. However, it was not possible to determine progress based on the information received, since it did not contain the activities, corresponding targets and progress that comprise the promise.	While extensive information on the progress of the promise has been provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016, it was not possible to determine the extent of the activities conducted in line with their targets, and thereby progress.	

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