

BUDGET PROMISES: BEYOND PARLIAMENT

2019 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 ¹	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

¹ 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.²






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:

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

² 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.

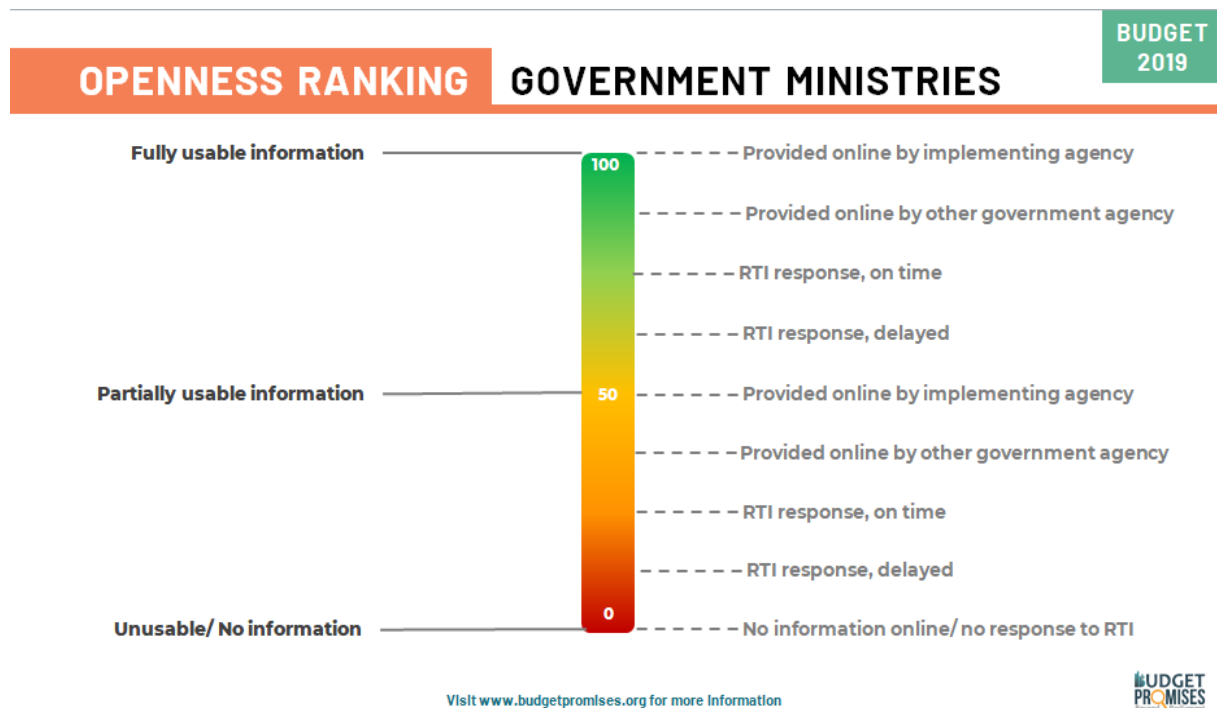
1.2. OPENNESS RANKINGS FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

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:

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

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

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

³ A promise is considered to be progressing if progress achieved as at 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.

	Undisclosed	No information is available to determine the status of the proposal or available information is insufficient/unusable.
	Not implemented	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.
	Partially Implemented	The required legislative enactment or regulatory notification (gazette) has been published for some but not all parts of the proposal.
	Implemented	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
<p>“Nangwamu Lanka” Micro and Small Enterprise Development Program</p>	Closed	Undisclosed	Ministry of Industries and Supply Chain Management – 12
	<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 was one of the five government institutions ranked last out of 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 0 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 3 proposals assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.</p>
<p>Free Glass of Milk for School Children</p>	Uncooperative	Fulfilled	Ministry of Education – 7

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
	<p>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, the information in response to the request required significant effort to assess, since the Action Plan and Progress Report did not employ a consistent reporting framework and could not be easily reconciled.</p>	<p>Based on the information made available, progress as at 31 December 2019 was assessed as 86% of the target set for 2019. The Action Plan and Progress Report did not utilise consistent reporting formats. The Action Plan noted a target of 400,000 beneficiaries, but did not specify if this was a daily, weekly or monthly target. Further, it indicated the proposal would commence in the second quarter of the year. The Progress Report stated the number of weekly beneficiaries from January to December 2019. Progress was calculated using the average number of weekly beneficiaries during the period March to December 2019, as a percentage of the intended beneficiaries (i.e. 400,000). The Action Plan indicates that work on the project would commence in the second quarter, hence, only progress information from April to December was considered for the progress assessment.</p>	<p>The Ministry ranked 7th out of 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 62.5 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2019, which was under the purview of the ministry.</p>

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
Providing Sanitary Facilities for Needy People	Closed	Undisclosed	The Ministry of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities – 8
	No information was received under the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 (RTI request). The RTI request was filed with the ministry on the 12 March 2020. Due to the coronavirus outbreak, the timelines for the receipt of information was calculated excluding the period 16 March to 10 May 2020. However, information was not received by the expected dates. No information was available through web checks.	No information is available to determine the progress of the promise.	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.
Improve Sanitary Facilities in Bus	Restricted	Fulfilled	The Ministry of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities – 8

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
Terminals and Railway Stations	<p>No information was received under the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 (RTI request). The RTI request was filed with the ministry on the 12 March 2020. Due to the coronavirus outbreak, the timelines for the receipt of information was calculated excluding the period 16 March to 10 May 2020. However, information was not received by the expected dates. Information on progress up to 30th September 2019 was obtained through the report on "Progress of Large Scale Development Projects and Programmes as at 30th September 2019" 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 at 30 September 2019 was 100% of the target set for 2019. In the absence of information pertaining to the full year, progress has been assessed using this information.</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
Brick and Mortar Type Housing Scheme in North & East	Responsive	Fulfilled	The Ministry of Community Empowerment and Estate Infrastructure Development – 9
	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. Two separate requests were filed for the proposals coming under the purview of this ministry. Only a single response was received, however, the response contained information sufficient to assess progress of both proposals. Hence, this response has been considered for the openness assessment for both proposals.	Based on the information made available, progress as at 31 December 2019 was assessed as 91% of the target set for 2019. The weighted average percentage completion was computed using the number of housing units and their approximate level of completion as per the Progress Report.	The Ministry ranked 9th out of 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 55.9 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 3 proposals assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry
Establishment of Industrial Zones - KKS, Manthai East, Paranthan, Kondachi, Kinniya, Samanthurai & Trincomalee	Closed	Undisclosed	The Ministry of Industries and Supply Chain Management – 12
	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 was one of the five government institutions ranked last out of 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score

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			of 0 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 3 proposals assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.
Establish Professorial Units at Kuliapitiya and Ratnapura Hospitals. Develop Faculty of Allied Health Science at Ruhuna University and Laboratory Facilities of Medical Faculty - Sri Jayawardenapura University.	Restricted	Substantial	The Ministry of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation - 10
	Information received in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 was insufficient to assess progress. Information on progress up to 30th September 2019 was obtained through the report on "Progress of Large Scale Development Projects and Programmes as at 30th September 2019" 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 at 30 September 2019 was 75% of the target set for the third quarter of 2019. The overall progress level of the project has also been indicated as 75%. In the absence of information pertaining to the full year, progress has been assessed using this information.	The Ministry ranked 10th out of 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 37.5 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2019, which was under the purview of the ministry.

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
"Sukithapurawara" Township Development Programme	Open	Substantial	The Ministry of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities – 8
	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.	Based on the information made available, progress as at 31 December 2019 was assessed as 79% of the target set for 2019. The total allocation and activities given in the Action Plan and Progress Report did not align. Hence, progress was calculated using the activities and their allocations given as per the Action Plan, matched to their completion level given in the Progress Report. Activities totalling Rs. 200 Mn which did not appear in the Progress Report were assumed to be 100% completed	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.
Township Development work in Kalmunai,	Closed	Undisclosed	Ministry Unidentified

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
<p>Valachanei, Thalai Mannar and Samanthurai</p>	<p>As the Budget Speech 2019 did not specify the government institutions which are responsible for the implementation of proposals, it was obtained through a request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 (RTI request) filed with the Department of National Budget (NBD). As per the response of the NBD, the responsible ministry for this proposal was identified as "Ministry in charge of subject of City Planning". Hence, the RTI was filed with the Ministry of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities on 27 January 2020. However, the ministry stated that this proposal did not come under their purview. A subsequent RTI request was filed in with the NBD on 13 May 2020, in order to identify the implementing agency for the proposal. The response of the NBD stated that the relevant agency was the Ministry of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education. There is no ministerial portfolio under this name following the new Cabinet of Ministers appointed as per Extraordinary Gazette 2153/12 dated 10 December 2019. Hence the implementing agency for the proposal could not be identified and information on the proposal could not be obtained via an RTI request. No information was available through web checks.</p>	<p>No information is available to determine the progress of the promise.</p>	<p>.</p>

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
Prajā-Jalā Abhiman Water Supply Scheme	Restricted	Substantial	The Ministry of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities – 8
	Information on progress was obtained through the report on "Progress of Large Scale Development Projects and Programmes as at 30th September 2019" made available on the website of Department of Project Management and Monitoring.	According to the information made available online by the Department of Project Management and Monitoring, progress as at 30 September 2019 was 120% of the target set for 2019. In the absence of information pertaining to the full year, progress has been assessed using this information.	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.
"Sahasara Bus Modernization" Programme	Open	Poor	The Ministry of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities – 8
	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. Further	As per the Progress Report, progress as at 31 st December 2019 was 3.7% of the target set for 2019.	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

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	<p>clarifications were obtained through email communication with the Information Officer.</p>		<p>(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>
<p>Acquiring 250 New Buses with Modern Facility and User Friendly Standards to SLTB</p>	<p>Uncooperative</p> <p>Information on progress was obtained through the Action Plan and progress information provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. However, information in response to the request required significant effort to assess, since the Action Plan and progress information did not employ a consistent reporting framework and could not be easily reconciled.</p>	<p>Poor</p> <p>Based on the information made available, progress as at 31 December 2019 was assessed as 26% of the target set for 2019. The Action Plan and Progress description provided did not align. The Progress description states that cabinet approval has been received, however, the ministry is in the process of carrying out technical evaluations and have not yet made a decision on awarding the tender. Hence, progress was assessed on the basis of all activities up to "Appointment of the CAPC and TEC" being completed. The progress percentage was</p>	<p>The Ministry of Transport Services Management – 1</p> <p>The Ministry was one of the five government institutions ranked 1st out of the 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 75 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2019, which was under the purview of the ministry.</p>

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		<p>computed using the number of weeks allocated for the completed activities as a proportion of the total time estimated for all activities during the year.</p>	
<p>"Ran Mawath" Rural Roads Maintenance and Construction Programme</p>	<p>Closed</p>	<p>Undisclosed</p>	<p>The Ministry of Roads and Highways - 12</p>
	<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 was one of the five government institutions ranked last out of 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 0 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2019, which was under the purview of the ministry.</p>
<p>Rs.2,500/-p.m. Interim Allowance</p>	<p>Responsive</p>	<p>Fulfilled</p>	<p>Ministry of Finance, Economy and Policy Development - 1</p>

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
for Public Sector Employees	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 at 31 December 2019 was assessed as 100% of the target set for 2019. The RTI response received states that the required funding for the proposal was managed within the allocated budget, and excess savings of Rs. 2.5 billion were transferred out. Hence, physical progress is assessed at 100%, although financial expenditure was less than allocated.	The Ministry was one of the five government institutions ranked 1st out of the 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 75 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 5 proposals assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.
Pension revision	Responsive	Broken	The Ministry of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations – 1
	Information on progress was obtained through the information 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, the proposal was not implemented as at 31 December 2019. Public Administration Circular 35/2019 (dated 10.12.2019) states that the proposal will be implemented. However, the RTI response of the ministry confirms that it was not implemented as per	The Ministry was one of the five government institutions ranked 1st out of the 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 75 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
		Public Administration Circular 35/2019 (I)(dated 20.01.2020).	information on 1 proposal assessed in 2019, which was under the purview of the ministry.
Revising Commando, Uniform, Rent and Good Conduct Allowances of the Armed Forces	Restricted	Undisclosed	The Ministry of Defence - 11
	Information on the progress of the proposal was received only from the Navy in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. However, information was not received from the Air Force and Army. Hence, it was not possible to determine full progress based on the information received due to insufficient information.	The information available is insufficient to determine the progress of the promise.	The Ministry ranked 11th out of 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 13.5 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 2 proposal assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.
"Gramashakthi" Production Village Programme	Closed	Undisclosed	The Ministry of Community Empowerment and Estate Infrastructure Development - 9

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
	<p>As the Budget Speech 2019 did not specify the government institutions which are responsible for the implementation of proposals, it was obtained through a request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 (RTI request) filed with the Department of National Budget (NBD). As per the response of the NBD, the responsible ministry for this proposal was identified as the Presidential Secretariat and the RTI request for this proposal was filed with the Presidential Secretariat on 30 January 2020. The RTI request was subsequently transferred to the Ministry of Community Empowerment and Estate Infrastructure Development on 15 June 2020, as the Presidential Secretariat stated that this proposal did fall under their purview. Due to the delayed timelines resulting from the transfer, information was not received at the time of assessment. No information on the progress of the promise was available through web checks. Hence, the Ministry of Community Empowerment and Estate Infrastructure Development has been categorized as "Closed".</p>	<p>No information is available to determine the progress of the promise.</p>	<p>The Ministry ranked 9th out of 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 55.9 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 3 proposals assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.</p>
<p>Allocating Provisions to "Disaster Management Contingency Fund"</p>	<p>Responsive</p>	<p>Poor</p>	<p>Ministry of Finance, Economy and Policy Development - 1</p>
	<p>Information on progress was obtained through the a\Action Plan and Progress Report provided in</p>	<p>Based on the information made available, progress as at 31 December 2019 was assessed as</p>	<p>The Ministry was one of the five government institutions ranked 1st out of the 16 government</p>

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
	<p>response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016.</p>	<p>20% of the target set for 2019. The Budget Speech states the intention of creating a Disaster Management Contingency Fund of Rs. 20 Bn over the medium term, with Rs. 10 Bn being allocated in 2019. However, the RTI response states that, due to the non-occurrence of any unforeseen situation, unutilised funds of Rs. 8 Bn of the allocation was transferred out to other budget lines. As the purpose of the budget proposal was for the funds to be allocated to be utilised in the medium term, progress for the year has been assessed as 20% of the target for the year.</p>	<p>institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 75 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 5 proposals assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.</p>
<p>Seed Capital for "Palmyrah Fund"</p>	<p>Closed</p>	<p>Undisclosed</p>	<p>The Ministry of Industries and Supply Chain Management - 12</p>

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. 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 was one of the five government institutions ranked last out of 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 0 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 3 proposals assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.</p>
<p>National Natural Disaster Insurance Scheme</p>	<p>Closed</p>	<p>Undisclosed</p>	<p>The Ministry of Defence - 11</p>
	<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 ranked 11th out of 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 13.5 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 2 proposal</p>

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			assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.
SME Guarantee Fund under Central Bank of Sri Lanka	Responsive	Fulfilled	Ministry of Finance, Economy and Policy Development – 1
	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 at 31 December 2019 was assessed as 100% of the target set for 2019. The response from the ministry states that the initial plan was to establish a National Credit Guarantee Institution (NCGI) in collaboration with the ADB. However, due to issues arising during the establishment process, the Credit Guarantee Scheme was established under the CB utilising the 500 Mn allocation, with the intention to transfer this to the NCGI once it is established. As the target stated in the budget speech is the establishment of a fund under the Central Bank of Sri Lanka utilising funds of Rs. 500 Mn, the budget proposal is considered to be fulfilled.	The Ministry ranked 1st out of the 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 75 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 5 proposals assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
Export Market Access Program and National Export Strategy	Responsive	Fulfilled	The Ministry of Industrial Export and Investment Promotion – 6
	Information on progress for the full year was obtained in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 (RTI request). Only the Action Plan for the National Export Strategy was available through web checks, hence, this was not sufficient to assess progress. Therefore, progress was assessed using the complete information received in response to the RTI request.	Based on the information made available, progress as at 31 December 2019 was assessed as 83% of the target set for 2019. The Progress Report provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 indicated that the original allocation of the National Export Strategy (NES) was Rs. 1,140 Mn, consisting of 250 Mn for new initiatives and Rs. 890 Mn for continuing initiatives. As the Budget Speech and its Annexures state only the allocation of Rs. 250 Mn, the scope of this proposal has been taken to include only the new initiatives of the NES. The original allocation for the Market Access Programme in the Budget Speech was the same as that reported in the response of the ministry. In addition the Progress Report indicates that the allocations for both the NES's new initiatives and the MAP were revised, and	The Ministry ranked 6th out of 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 71.7 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 3 proposals assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.

Proposal	Openness	Progress	Agency Ranking
		reports progress against the revised allocations. Progress was assessed as a weighted average using the respective progress levels and revised allocations.	
Infrastructure facilities of Bingiriya and Wagawatte Industrial Zones	Responsive	Partial	The Ministry of Industrial Export and Investment Promotion – 6
	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 at 31 December 2019 was assessed as 52% of the target set for 2019. The Progress Report provided the sub-activities of the project and their level of completion. However, information on the financial allocations of the sub-activities were not provided. Hence, progress was calculated as a weighted average giving equal weightage to each sub-activity.	The Ministry ranked 6th out of 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 71.7 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 3 proposals assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.
Contribution to Scholarship for Educational Excellence (SEE) Fund	Responsive	Broken	Ministry of Finance, Economy and Policy Development – 1
	Information on progress was obtained through the response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016.	In response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016, the Department of National Budget of	The Ministry of Finance, Economy and Policy Development was one of the five government institutions

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		<p>the Ministry of Finance stated that the promise was not implemented.</p>	<p>ranked 1st out of the 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 75 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 5 proposals assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.</p>
<p>e-Governmental Digital Document Management</p>	<p>Responsive</p>	<p>Broken</p>	<p>The Ministry of Information and Mass Media - 1</p>
	<p>Information on progress was obtained in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016</p>	<p>Based on the information made available, the promise was not fulfilled as cabinet approval was not given. It is alternately planned to be implemented in 2020 - 2022</p>	<p>The Ministry was one of the five government institutions ranked 1st out of the 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 75 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal</p>

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			assessed in 2019, which was under the purview of the ministry.
Provide Home Dialysis Machines and strengthen Hemo-Dialysis Centers with RO Water Plants	Uncooperative	Undisclosed	The Ministry of Healthcare and Indigenous Medical Services - 12
	Information was received in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No.12 of 2016. Filing the request for information required significant effort due to being redirected multiple times to multiple Information Officers. The request was ultimately filed with the National Institute for Nephrology Dialysis & Transplantation. However, the information received did not relate to the proposal. Hence, it was not possible to determine progress.	No information is available to determine the progress of the promise.	The Ministry of Healthcare and Indigenous Medical Services was one of the five government institutions ranked last out of 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 0 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2019, which was under the purview of the ministry.
Restoration of Water Quality of Beira Lake	Restricted	Undisclosed	The Ministry of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities - 8

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	<p>Action plan of the promise was available online on the website of the ministry. Additionally, the updated action plan was received through the RTI with the revised allocation. The RTI response stated that the progress report could be obtained on the website of the ministry, however, it was not available</p>	<p>The revised Action Plan was provided in response to the request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016. The RTI response stated that the progress report could be obtained on the website of the ministry, however, it was not available. Hence, the information available is insufficient to determine the progress of the promise.</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>
<p>Reconstruction of Jaffna Town Hall</p>	<p>Responsive</p>	<p>Fulfilled</p>	<p>The Ministry of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities – 8</p>
	<p>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 (RTI request). Information on the progress of the proposal was also available on the website of the ministry. However, the information provided through these two sources did not match. The information provided in response to the RTI request was deemed as the most updated based on the date of publishing and date of receipt of the respective sources. The RTI response was also</p>	<p>Based on the information made available, progress as at 31 December 2019 was assessed as 83% of the target set for 2019. Information on progress was obtained through both the website of the ministry and through the response to the request for information filed under the Right To Information Act No 12 of 2016 (RTI request). However, the level of</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</p>

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	<p>confirmed as the most updated information verbally by the Information Officer of the ministry. Hence, the information available on the website of the ministry was classified as unusable.</p>	<p>progress indicated as per the information obtained through the RTI request and website did not match. The progress reported as per the RTI request was identified as the most up to date information based on the date of publishing and date of receipt of the two sources of information. This was also verbally confirmed as the most accurate source by the Information Officer of the ministry. Hence, progress was assessed based on the information provided in response to the RTI request, and the information from the website was disregarded. The response to the RTI request also indicates a revised allocation of Rs. 550 Mn.</p>	<p>under the purview of the ministry.</p>
<p>Safeguarding and Protecting Hill Country Heritage</p>	<p>Responsive</p>	<p>Fulfilled</p>	<p>Ministry of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs - 1</p>
	<p>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.</p>	<p>As per the Progress Report, progress as at 31st December 2019 was 85% of the target set for 2019.</p>	<p>The Ministry was one the five government institutions ranked 1st out of the 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score</p>

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			of 75 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 2 proposals assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.
Bogambara Prison Re-Development Project	Responsive	Fulfilled	The Ministry of Industrial Export and Investment Promotion – 6
	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 at 31 December 2019 was assessed as 130% of the target set for 2019. The Action Plan and Progress Report did not align, however, progress was assessed using the targets stated in the Progress Report.	The Ministry was ranked 6th out of 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 71.7 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 3 proposals assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.

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Renovate John De Silva Theatre	Responsive	Poor	Ministry of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs – 1
	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 at 31 December 2019 was assessed as 5% of the target set for 2019. The targets stated in the Action Plan and Progress Report did not align. However, the information stated as per the Progress Report was considered the most updated as it is reported at the end of the year. Hence, progress has been assessed based on the targets and level of completion given in the Progress Report.	The Ministry was one the five government institutions ranked 1st out of the 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 75 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 2 proposals assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.
Establishment of Office for Reparations	Closed	Undisclosed	The Ministry of Justice, Human Rights & Legal – 12
	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 was one of the five government institutions ranked last out of 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 0 received by the ministry (weighted average based on

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			allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 3 proposals assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.
Support for Missing Persons until Establishment of Office of Reparations	Closed	Undisclosed	The Ministry of Justice, Human Rights & Legal – 12
	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 was one of the five government institutions ranked last out of 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 0 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 3 proposals assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.
Investment Assistance	Responsive	Fulfilled	The Ministry of Community Empowerment and Estate Infrastructure Development – 9

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Programme in the North	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. Two separate requests were filed for the proposals coming under the purview of this ministry. Only a single response was received, however, the response contained information sufficient to assess progress of both proposals. Hence, this response has been considered for the openness assessment for both proposals.	Based on the information made available, progress as at 31 December 2019 was assessed as 91% of the target set for 2019. The weighted average percentage completion was computed using the number of projects under the proposal and their approximate level of completion as per the progress report.	The Ministry was ranked 9th out of 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 55.9 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 3 proposals assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.
Debt relief programme for women in drought affected areas	Responsive	Fulfilled	Ministry of Finance, Economy and Policy Development – 1
	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 at 31 December 2019 was assessed as 100% of the target set for 2019. The RTI response received states that Rs. 420 Mn of the allocation was disbursed. However, the disbursement benefitted 45,139 recipients compared to a target of	The Ministry was one of the five government institutions ranked 1st out of the 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 75 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was

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		45,000, hence is considered fulfilled.	based on the disclosure of information on 5 proposals assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.
Reconciliation and Sustainable Livelihood through Various Programmes	Closed	Undisclosed	The Ministry of Justice, Human Rights & Legal - 12
	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 was one of the five government institutions ranked last out of 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 0 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 3 proposals assessed in 2019, which were under the purview of the ministry.
"Smart Sri Lanka" Programme	Closed	Undisclosed	The Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs - 12

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	<p>As the Budget Speech 2019 did not specify the government institutions which are responsible for the implementation of proposals, it was obtained through a request for information filed under the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016 (RTI request) filed with the Department of National Budget (NBD). As per the response of the NBD, the responsible ministry for this proposal was identified as the Presidential Secretariat and the RTI request for this proposal was filed with the Presidential Secretariat on 30 January 2020. The RTI request was subsequently transferred to the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs on 25 February 2020, as the Presidential Secretariat stated that this proposal did fall under their purview. No information was received at the time of assessment, despite multiple follow ups with the Presidential Secretariat and Ministry of Sports. No information on the progress of the promise was available through web checks. Hence, the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs has been categorized as "Closed".</p>	<p>No information is available to determine the progress of the promise.</p>	<p>The Ministry was one of the five government institutions ranked last out of 16 government institutions assessed in 2019. The rank was determined based on the weighted average score of 0 received by the ministry (weighted average based on allocation). This score was based on the disclosure of information on 1 proposal assessed in 2019, which was under the purview of the ministry.</p>

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