

BUDGET PROMISES: BEYOND PARLIAMENT

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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 dashboard aims to:

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

HOW IT WORKS

BudgetPromises: Beyond Parliament tracks expenditure proposals or ‘promises’ read in the Budget Speech. In 2019, the platform also began tracking regulatory proposals, such as changes to legislation and regulations, which do not have an expenditure allocation. The 2021 end-year assessment tracked 31 expenditure proposals and 13 regulatory proposals..

| Year | Expenditure proposals | | | Regulatory Proposals |
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| | 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 |
| 2020 ² | - | 24 | - | 10 |

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.

² In 2020 due to the absence of a budget speech the platform tracked 24 cabinet decisions—a combination of expenditure and regulatory policy decisions—made from January to June 2020. The decisions tracked were chosen based on the ability to identify an implementing agency and those that contained trackable outcomes. In 2019, the progress of budget proposals were hindered as a result of the

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| 2021 | Above LKR 1 Bn | 31 | LKR 284,000 | 13 |
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The platform is updated twice a year³. Proposals are assessed using two indicators: **Openness** and **Progress**. The mid-year assessment assesses the progress and openness of the expenditure proposals for the first six months of the respective year. Year-end assessment considers the progress and openness of both expenditure and regulatory proposals. The openness indicator for year-end assessments combines the openness assessments for both expenditure and regulatory proposals.

For the 2021 end-year assessments, RTI applications for all proposals were filed on the 28th of February 2022. Information received from the 28th of February to the 30th of April were considered for the assessment. The time line for receiving information was based on RTI Act No.12 of 2016. Given the uncertain circumstances the assessment decided to provide an additional two weeks, which extended the data collection period to May 10th 2022. Any information received beyond this time period was not considered for assessments.

1. OPENNESS

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 expenditure proposals. The year-end assessment measures the government's openness on disclosing information on progress for both expenditure and regulatory proposals for the full year.⁴

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

Easter Sunday Attacks. Therefore, 8 proposals from the 2019 Budget Speech were chosen to assess their progress in 2020

³ 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. Due to the absence of a budget speech in 2020 only a year-end assessment was carried out in 2020.

⁴ Openness of Regulatory proposals were assessed from 2020 onwards.

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|  | 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 |

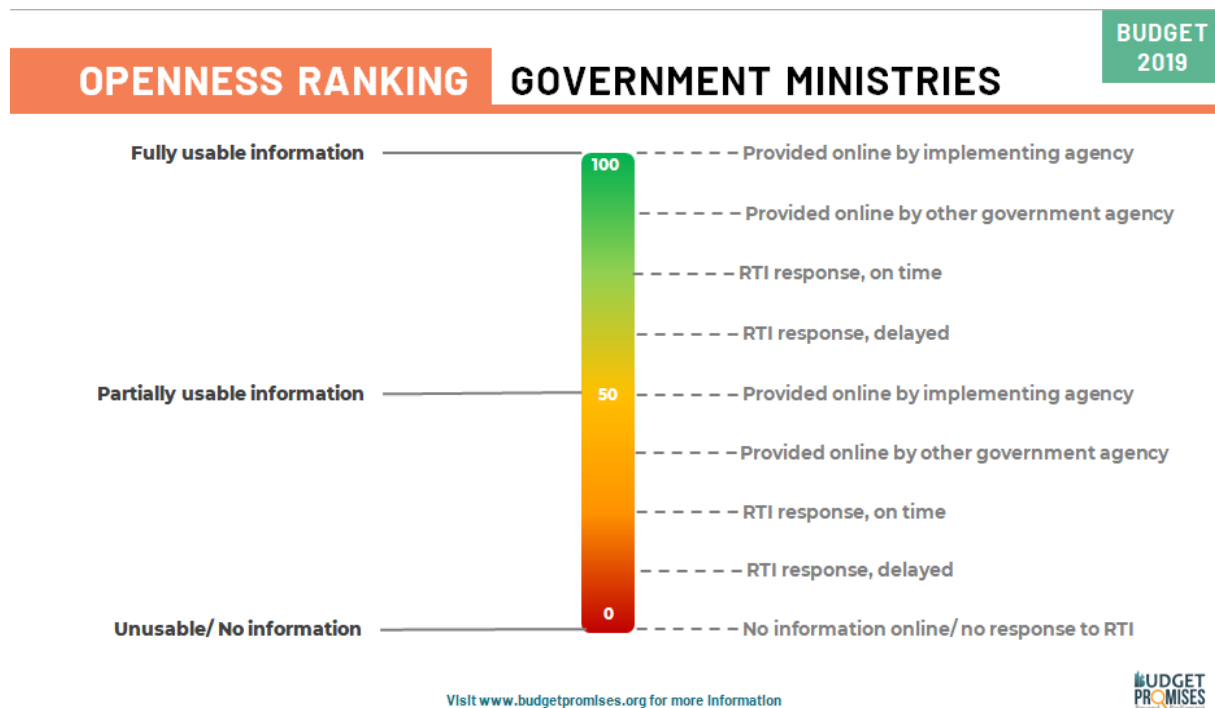
1.2. OPENNESS RANKINGS FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

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).








2. PROGRESS







2.1 PROGRESS TRACKER FOR EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS

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:

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|  | 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 ⁵ |

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

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|  | 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 |





⁵ 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.

2.2 PROGRESS TRACKER FOR REGULATORY 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 and responses to RTI applications filed with the respective oversight government agencies

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

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|  | 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

3.1 EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS

| Proposal | Openness | Progress | Government Agency |
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| Water for All 2021 | RESPONSIVE | POOR | Ministry of Water Supply |
| | No proactive disclosure of information. Information was requested under the RTI Act, and a response received. The information was sufficient to make a progress assessment. | The proposal is a multi-year project with a timeline of 2021-2025. The document titled Budget Progress 2021 provided progress for multiple proposals under the Ministry of Water Supply. Reference to the 'Water for All' project was made only in one location and was related to the financial progress . The allocation e has been revised at least once based on data available. The mid-year assessments concluded revised allocation to be LKR 27,657million. The latest revised allocation for 2021 is at LKR 29,567 million out of which LKR 7,624 million has been spent indicating financial progress of 26%. There is no justification or reasoning provided for the constant re-evaluation of the allocation. | |
| Drinking Water | RESTRICTED | UNDISCLOSED | Ministry of Water Supply |

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| | <p>No proactive disclosure of information. Information was requested under the RTI Act, and a response received. The response contained information for all projects falling under the purview of the ministry, however information pertaining to the "Drinking Water" proposal was difficult to identify. Therefore, the information provided was not useful to make a progress assessment.</p> | <p>Despite receiving information via RTI, the information was irrelevant to the proposal and therefor no assessment could be made regarding the progress of the proposal.</p> | |
| | CLOSED | UNDISCLOSED | |
| National Security | <p>No proactive disclosure of information. Information was requested under the RTI Act, and no response was received. During mid-year assessments of the 2021 budget, the RTI request was rejected under section 5(1)(h)(ii) of the RTI act on grounds of exposing the identity of a confidential source of information in relation to law enforcement or national security.</p> | <p>No information available to assess the progress of the proposal.</p> | Ministry of Defence |
| | CLOSED | UNDISCLOSED | |
| 100,000 Km Road Program | <p>No proactive disclosure of information. Information was requested under the RTI Act, and an acknowledgement was received, but no information. Upon visiting the ministry, the representatives assured that the information would be sent via registered post, however no information was provided.</p> | <p>No information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.</p> | Ministry of Highways |
| | CLOSED | UNDISCLOSED | Ministry of Highways |

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| Rural Bridget Development | No proactive disclosure of information. Information was requested under the RTI Act, and an acknowledgement was received, but no information. Upon visiting the ministry , the representatives assured that the information would be sent via registered post, however no information was provided. | No information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal. | |
| | UNCOOPERATIVE | FULFILLED | |
| Gamata Sanniwedanya (Communication for the Village) | Limited proactive disclosure of information. Information was requested under the RTI Act from the Ministry of Technology who transferred the request to the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL). The information provided by the TRCSL was insufficient to make an assessment. However, the Ministry of Technology provided information in response to requests filed for other promises which had information related to the Gammata Sanniwedanya proposal | The project is a multi-year project , with a timeline of 2021-2023. The physical progress for activities listed for 2021, based on the stated targets, is noted as 94% , thereby it was considered as fulfilled. However, it should be noted that the activities related to the year 2021 include preliminary tasks such as conducting surveys , identifying key areas for infrastructure facilities, planning construction of towers etc. Provided that this is a multi-year project it is noted that the bulk of the work is expected to be achieved in coming years. | Ministry of Technology - Telecommunication Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka |
| Techno Parks | UNCOOPERATIVE | PARTIAL | Ministry of Technology |

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| | <p>No proactive disclosure of information . Information was requested via the RTI act. The RTI was filed with the Ministry of Technology however establishing any form of contact or obtaining a response was extremely cumbersome. This prompted researchers to visit the ministry, after which information was finally obtained. The information obtained was vague and required significant effort to make an assessment.</p> | <p>As per the action plan the proposal is intended to take place from 2021-2023 with a total allocation of LKR 50,000 million. While the action plan states it is a multi-year project the breakdown for each year is not provided therefore the allocation of LKR 10 ,000 million provided in the budget speech for 2021 was taken as is. The action plan states that five techno parks in Galle, Kurunegala, Kandy, Nuwara-Eliya and Habarana are to be established. The land for all five have been finalised with 4 out 5 contractors confirmed. The progress report notes that physical progress for 2 out of the 5 have been achieved , however the level of progress is not provided. Further the action plan notes that ' techno park development pvt ltd' to be set up for the establishment and management of the techno parks. As per the cabinet decision taken on the 06th of September 2021 the above has been planned to be established as a company wholly owned by the Treasury and register the above in the CSE.</p> | |
| | RESTRICTED | UNDISCLOSED | Ministry of Technology |

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| Technological Improvement | <p>No proactive disclosure of information online. Information was requested under the RTI Act, but no response was received and establishing any form of contact was extremely cumbersome. This prompted researchers to visit the ministry , after which information was finally obtained. Only a progress report was received, as no action plan for the year had been drafted. It was difficult to identify information pertinent to the "Technological Improvement" promise in the information provided.</p> | <p>The progress report provided does not provide clearly identifiable information pertaining to the "Technological Improvement" promise. Thus, unable to make an assessment on the progress of the promise.</p> | |
| Elephant Human Conflict | <p>UNCOOPERATIVE</p> <p>No proactive disclosure of information . Information was requested via the RTI Act. The department of wildlife responded to the RTI within the stipulated time frame and the information was sufficient to make a progress assessment.</p> | <p>PARTIAL</p> <p>Based on the progress report , physical progress of construction of electric fences is recorded at 50.87%, therefor the progress of the proposal has been categorized as partial.</p> | Department of Wildlife Conservation |
| Forest Conservation | <p>RESTRICTED</p> | <p>UNDISCLOSED</p> | Department of Forest Conservation |

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| | No proactive disclosure of information. Information was requested via the RTI Act. The department of Forest Conservation provided information on financial targets and progress on all project activities under their purview without the distinction on the specific budget proposal. Therefore, while some information was provided, it was not possible to make an assessment on the budget proposal. | Despite the progress report being made available , no usable information to make an assessment on the progress of the promise. | |
| Empowerment Samurdhi Families | OPEN | SUBSTANTIAL | Ministry of Finance - Department of Samurdhi |
| | Information was proactively disclosed by the Department of Project Management and Monitoring via the report titled 'Progress of Mega Scale Development Projects Fourth Quarter - Year 2021'. An RTI was also filed, but no response was received, and attempts to establish any form of contact with the government agency was futile. | The DPMM Q4 report records cumulative physical progress as at 31st December 2021 as 67%. Thereby according to the definition of the progress categories the budget promise has made substantial progress. | |
| Young Women Entrepreneur | RESTRICTED | UNDISCLOSED | State Ministry of Samurdhi, Home Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment and Business Development |
| | No proactive disclosure of information . During the mid-year assessments as per the NBD response RTIs were file to the Ministry of Youth and Sports, State Ministry of Cooperative Services, Marketing development and Consumer | The cabinet decision stated that the promise would be implemented by the Ministry of Highways under the 100,000 km road programme. Therefore, details on the promises should be included in the action plan and progress report of the 100,000 km road | |

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| | <p>Production and State Ministry of Samurdhi , Household economy , Micro Finance , Self-Employment and Business. The State Ministry of Cooperative Services, Marketing development and Consumer production responded that the proposal does not fall under the purview of the ministry. The State Ministry of Samurdhi and Ministry of Youth and Sports did not acknowledge or respond to the RTI Application. Web checks conducted on the proposal led to a cabinet decision where the State Ministry of Samurdhi was identified as the monitoring agency and Ministry of Highways as the implementing agency. As the State Ministry of Samurdhi was signaled as the agency from the NBD as well for end year assessments an RTI was filed with them. However, the response stated that the project does not fall under the purview of the State Ministry and no other implementing agency was suggested.</p> | <p>programme. The 100,000km road programme was also tracked and a RTI was filed with the Ministry of Highways, however there no response to the RTI . Thereby no information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.</p> | |
| | <p>UNCOOPERATIVE</p> | <p>POOR</p> | <p>Ministry of Justice</p> |

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| <p>Legal Sector Infrastructure Development</p> | <p>No proactive disclosure of information . Information was requested via the RTI Act, and the ministry responded with an action plan and progress report. However, there is a discrepancy in the action plan and progress report. Therefore, significant effort was required to make an assessment.</p> | <p>The proposal is a multi-year proposal with a time frame of 2021-2023. Due to the discrepancy in the action plan and progress report, physical progress could not be used to make an assessment. Therefore, financial progress was utilized to make a progress assessment. The financial progress as at 31st December 2021 stood at 21%. Therefore the progress was categorized as poor.</p> | |
| <p>Development of Rural Hospitals</p> | <p>Limited disclosure of information online. The NBD identified both the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the Ministry of Public Services Provincial Council and Local Government (MPCL) as responsible authorities. However, during Mid-Year Assessments in response to the RTI filed the MPCL noted that the proposal does not fall under their purview. Therefore, information was requested via the RTI Act with the MoH during end-year assessments and the ministry responded that they had not received the funds. This is consistent with the response received from the MoH during mid-year assessments. However, in the 2022 budget estimates, funds for the promise were provided for the 9 provinces which fall under the purview of the MPCL.</p> | <p>Despite there being evidence of fund allocations, this contradicts the information provided by the MoH. Furthermore, since there is no evidence of the utilization of the funds, the promise has been classified as broken.</p> | <p>Ministry of Health</p> |

| | RESPONSIVE | BROKEN | Ministry of Health |
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| <p>People Centered Health Service</p> | <p>No proactive disclosure of information. Information was requested via the RTI Act from the Ministry of Health, and the response stated that the funds for the proposal had not been received as at March 2022. However, during mid-year assessments, after constant communication with the Ministry of Health the final response stated that the proposal does not fall under the purview of the Ministry.</p> | <p>The budget promises were made in the 2021 Budget Speech delivered in November of 2020. Despite over a year passing since the promise was made funds for the proposal has not been disbursed to the ministry. With no funds available , it is evident that there can be no progress therefor the promises have been classified as broken.</p> | |

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| Infants and Pregnant Mothers | RESTRICTED | UNDISCLOSED | State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre-schools and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and Education Services |
| | No proactive disclosure of information. Information was requested via the RTI Act . The State Ministry provided the action plan for the promise ; however, no progress report was provided. | The information provided was insufficient to assess the progress of the promise. | |
| Rural Sport Development | OPEN | POOR | State Ministry of Rural and schools' sports infrastructure improvement |

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| | <p>The Ministry proactively disclosed the progress report for 2021 and certain projects under the ministry. Information was requested under the RTI Act. The state ministry did not acknowledge or respond to the RTI , despite providing information during mid-year assessments.</p> | <p>The progress report for 2021 indicates that the LKR 3,000 million was allocated to the State Ministry for 16 projects. The progress for 16 projects were provided as at October 2021 which had a cumulative allocation of LKR 2,044 million. RTI response for one project provided progress till December 2021. There is evidence that steps have been taken to initiate the projects however due to the lack of an action plan it is difficult to assess if progress is line with target. Further the projects specified under the progress report do not align with the purpose of the project as stated in the Budget speech , however yet again due to the absence of an action plan there is no way of confirming any deviations to the proposal. Due to the lack of clear physical progress, the financial progress was used to assess the budget promise. The financial progress was determined by the disbursement of funds. Out of the allocations only 10% of funds have been disbursed , there for the progress is classified as poor.</p> | |
| | CLOSED | UNDISCLOSED | Ministry of Education |

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| Development of Rural Schools | No proactive disclosure of information . Information was requested via the RTI Act, however no information was provided despite receiving an acknowledgement letter. Was unable to establish any form of contact with the ministry as well. | No information available to assess the progress of the proposal. | |
| Waste Management - Pradeshiya Sabha | OPEN | POOR | State Ministry of Provincial Council and Local Government |
| | Information was proactively disclosed. Information was requested via the RTI Act as well, however the information provided by the RTI response was incomplete. The financial progress, proactively disclosed online was sufficient to conduct the assessment. | The response from the RTI simply stated that he allocation had been revised downward from LKR 3,000 to LKR 636 million. The financial progress report hosted on the State Ministry website indicated financial progress of 17% , therefore the progress has been classified as poor. | |
| Infrastructure Pradeshiya Sabha | OPEN | POOR | State Ministry of Provincial Council and Local Government |
| | Information was proactively disclosed . Information was requested via the RTI Act as well, and information was received in response. Sufficient information available to conduct the assessment. | The physical progress as at 31st December 2021 , is provided as 45% . | |
| Distance Education | RESTRICTED | UNDISCLOSED | State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education , Research and Innovation |

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| | Limited proactive disclosure of information on the Presidents Media division website. Information was requested via the RTI Act, however the response received was pertaining to the 2022 budget proposal and not the 2021 budget as requested. | Based on the information disclosed online, while there is some information stating the programme has commenced, the progress of the proposal is unknown. Thus, it is not possible to assess the progress of the proposal. | |
| | RESPONSIVE | SUBSTANTIAL | Ministry of Public Security |
| Public Security | No proactive disclosure of information . Information was requested via the RTI Act. The Ministry responded to the RTI, and the information provided was sufficient to make a progress assessment. | The promise consists of 24 subprojects, of which 6 have been completed, 12 of the remaining records physical progress exceeding 50%. Therefor the progress of the promise has been classified as substantial. | |
| Sports Economy | UNCOOPERATIVE | POOR | Ministry of Youth and Sports |

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| | <p>Proactive disclosure on the promise was available by the Department of Project Management and Monitoring (DPMM) for one section of the promise. Information was also requested via the RTI Act. The RTI filed with the Ministry of Youth and Sports was transferred to the Additional Secretary of development, however no information was received.</p> | <p>Based on the budget speech 5 key activities were identified under this promise. However, information obtained via web checks was related only to one of the activities (i.e. construction of synthetic race tracks). The DPMM quarter 4 report notes the cumulative physical progress for this activity as at end of December 2021 at 6% . With delays being attributed to delays in procurement activities. As there is some progress recorded on one of the five activities there is evidence that the promise has been initiated. However due to the lack of information on the remaining activities , the progress for the entire promise has been categorized as poor.</p> | |
| <p>Walking Paths and Common Facilities</p> | <p>OPEN</p> | <p>PARTIAL</p> | <p>State Ministry of Urban Development, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness</p> |
| | <p>Information was proactively disclosed. The state ministry also provided information in response to the RTI request.</p> | <p>As per the action plan the promise consists of 33 subprojects. Out of which majority of the proposals (i.e. 13) have physical progress between 33-66% and 6 have physical progress exceeding 80% , therefor the progress of the promise has been classified as achieving partial progress.</p> | |

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| <p>Plantations</p> | <p>RESTRICTED</p> | <p>UNDISCLOSED</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry of Plantations 2. State Ministry of Company Establishment Reforms, Tea Estate Crops, Tea Factory Modernization and Tea Export Diversification 3. State Ministry of Coconut, Kithul and Palmyra Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing and Export Diversification 4. State Ministry of Development of Minor Crops Plantation Including Sugar Cane Maize, Cashew, Pepper, Cinnamon, Cloves, Betel, Related Industries and Export Promotion |
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| <p>No proactive disclosure of information. Information was requested via the RTI Act with the cabinet ministry and the three state ministries. Information was obtained from 3 out of 4 implementing agencies (Ministry of Plantation, State Ministry of Company Estate Reforms and State Ministry of Minor Crops). Discrepancies in allocation assigned to each respective agency and difficulty identifying activities in each agency that fell within the proposal meant that it was difficult to use the information conduct assessment.</p> | <p>Unable to determine progress from the partial provision of information from the implementing agencies.</p> | |
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| Drip Irrigation | RESTRICTED | UNDISCLOSED | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry of Plantations 2. State Ministry of Company Establishment Reforms, Tea Estate Crops, Tea Factory Modernization and Tea Export Diversification 3. State Ministry of Coconut, Kithul and Palmyra Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing and Export Diversification 4. State Ministry of Development of Minor Crops Plantation Including Sugar Cane Maize, Cashew, Pepper, Cinnamon, Cloves, Betel, Related Industries and Export Promotion |
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| | <p>No proactive disclosure of information . Information was requested via the RTI Act with the cabinet ministry and the three state ministries. Information was obtained from 3 out of 4 implementing agencies (Ministry of Plantation, State Ministry of Company Estate Reforms and State Ministry of Minor Crops). Discrepancies in allocation assigned to each respective agency and difficulty identifying activities in each agency that fell within the proposal meant that it was difficult to use the information conduct assessment.</p> | <p>Unable to determine progress from the partial provision of information from the implementing agencies.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry of Plantations 2. State Ministry of Company Establishment Reforms, Tea Estate Crops, Tea Factory Modernization and Tea Export Diversification 3. State Ministry of Coconut, Kithul and Palmyra Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing and Export Diversification 4. State Ministry of Development of Minor Crops Plantation Including Sugar Cane Maize, Cashew, Pepper, Cinnamon, Cloves, Betel, Related Industries and Export Promotion |
| | CLOSED | UNDISCLOSED | Ministry of Industries |
| Registration of Identity of Mineral Sands | <p>No proactive disclosure of information . Information was requested via the RTI Act. The Ministry acknowledged the RTI but did not provide information.</p> | <p>No information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.</p> | |
| | RESPONSIVE | SUBSTANTIAL | State Ministry of Rattan, Brass, Pottery, Furniture and Rural Industries Promotion |

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| Development of Traditional Villages | No proactive disclosure of information. Information was requested via the RTI Act. The Ministry responded to the RTI and information provided was sufficient to make a progress assessment. | Based on the progress report the promises consists of 6 main sub-activities. Out of which 4 have progress greater than 80%, 1 has progress between 66-80% and 1 has no information on its progress at all. | |
| University Infrastructure Facilities | RESTRICTED | UNDISCLOSED | State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education , Research and Innovation |
| | There is some level of proactive disclosure regarding the promise, however the information is insufficient to make an assessment. Information was requested via the RTI Act. During the mid-year assessments, the state ministry provided the concept paper for the establishment of the city university in response to the RTI request. However, for the end-year assessments there was no acknowledgement or response to the RTI filed. | Information available online provide evidence on the initiation of the promise (The Presidents Media Divisions statements and the city university website). However due to the lack of an action plan or progress report there is no means of assessing the progress of the promise. Therefore, the progress of the promise was classified as undisclosed. | |
| Tank Rehabilitation | RESPONSIVE | Fulfilled | Ministry of Irrigation |
| | No proactive disclosure of information. Information was requested via the RTI Act. The Ministry responded to the RTI, and the information provided was sufficient to make a progress assessment. | Based on the progress report the promise consists of 8 multiyear subprojects. When considering the physical progress , all 8 have progress exceeding 80% for 2021. Therefore, the proposal has been classified as fulfilled. | |

3.2 REGULATORY PROPOSALS

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| Single GST | OPEN | NOT IMPLEMENTED | Ministry of Finance - Department of Fiscal Policy |
| | Information was received under the request filed under the RTI act no 12 of 2016. The was gazette proactively disclosed by the Department of Government Printing. | The bill titled 'SPECIAL GOODS AND SERVICES TAX' was gazetted on the 7th of January 2022 and presented by the Minister of Finance on the 20th of January 2022. Subsequently there were several petitions filed against the bill. The supreme court ruling in response to the petitions concluded that certain aspects of the bill were inconsistent with the constitution. For the bill to be passed the SC ruling required 2/3 rd majority and approval by people at a referendum. Subsequent to the SC ruling there is no information available related to the bill and neither was there a referendum therefore the proposal has been classified as not implemented. | |
| COVID Insurance Scheme | RESPONSIVE | IMPLEMENTED | Ministry of Finance- Department of National Budget |
| | Limited information regarding the promise was available online. The Ministry responded to the RTI and the information provided was sufficient to make an assessment. | Based on the information provided, it was noted that the scheme was implemented through the Agrahara insurance scheme for every claim where the beneficiaries were hospitalized. The proposal was also extended to those infected with COVID and was treated under Home Patient management. In addition the response also notes the monetary relief provided to families that were quarantined and frontline employees of health services engaged in providing health care services to the COVID patients. | |

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| <p>Contributory Pension Scheme for Workers engaged in Foreign Employment</p> | <p>RESTRICTED</p> | <p>UNDISCLOSED</p> | <p>Ministry of Labour</p> |
| <p>Amendment to the Agrarian Development Act</p> | <p>CLOSED</p> | <p>UNDISCLOSED</p> | <p>Ministry of Agriculture</p> |
| <p>Limited information regarding the promise was available online. Information was requested via the RTI Act. The Ministry of Labour acknowledged the RTI and transferred it to the State Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion and Market Diversification. However, there was no response from the state ministry.</p> | <p>No information was provided and information available online was insufficient to assess the progress of the proposal.</p> | <p>No proactive disclosure of information. Information was requested via the RTI Act. The Ministry of Agriculture acknowledged the RTI and transferred it to the State Ministry of Promoting the Production & Regulating the Supply of Organic Fertilizer, and Paddy and Grain, Organic Food, Vegetables, Fruits, Chilies, Onion and Potato Cultivation Promotion, Seed Production and Advanced Technology Agriculture . The RTI was yet again transferred to the Department of Agrarian Development. However, there was no response from the Department.</p> | <p>No information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal.</p> |

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| Increment of Daily Wage for Plantation Workers | OPEN | IMPLEMENTED | Ministry of Labour |
| | Information was proactively disclosed by the Ministry. The gazette and cabinet approval of the gazette was hosted on the Ministry website | Cabinet approval has been obtained for the gazette and is noted to be in effect from 5th of March 2021. However, there is a discrepancy between the promise and gazette. The minimum wage is inclusive of daily minimum wage of LKR 900 and budgetary relief allowance of LKR 100. Therefore, the minimum wage has effectively been increased to LKR 900. Nevertheless, since the cabinet approval was obtained and is in practice the promise has been considered as being implemented. | |
| PUCSL Act Revisions | CLOSED | UNDISCLOSED | Ministry of Economic Policies Plan and Implementation |
| | No proactive disclosure of information. Information was requested via the RTI Act with the Ministry of Power. The response dated 8th March 2022 stated that PUCSL act falls under the Ministry of Finance (MoF). Therefor the RTI was refiled with the MoF to request information related to PUCSL act. The RTI was transferred to the Ministry of Economic Policies and Plan Implementation which was then transferred to the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka. However, no information was obtained. | No information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal. | |
| CEB Act Revisions | UNCOOPERATIVE | NOT IMPLEMENTED | Ministry of Power |
| | No proactive disclosure of information. Information was | The Ministry of Power notes that no action has been initiated to amend the CEB act. | |

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| Importation Ban on Batik Products | requested under the RTI Act. The ministry provided information in response to the RTI. | | |
| | OPEN | IMPLEMENTED | State Ministry of Batik and Handloom and Local Apparel Products |
| | Information proactively disclosed by the department of import and export control. Information was requested under the RTI Act with the state ministry. The progress report provided by the State Ministry in response to the RTI, did not have any information related to the proposal under consideration. | Based on the gazette hosted on the Department of Import and Export Control, n items falling under HS code 62.03, 62.04,62.05, 62.06, 62.07, 62.08, 62.11, 62.13, 62.14, 63.02 which correspond to clothing items, materials etc printed by batik process were prevented from being imported in to Sri Lanka from 15th December 2020. | |
| Merging of Finance Companies | RESTRICTED | UNDISCLOSED | Ministry of Finance |
| | Limited information available online. Information requested via the RTI act. The Central Bank of Sri Lanka transferred the RTI to the Ministry of Finance for which there was no response. | No information was provided and information available online was insufficient to assess the progress of the proposal. | |
| Amendment to Finance Act | CLOSED | UNDISCLOSED | Unidentified |
| | No proactive disclosure of information. Information was requested via the RTI Act. In response to the RTI filed, the Ministry of Finance noted that the proposal does not fall under the purview of the ministry and the information may be obtained from the Ministry of Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local Government (MPGL). Based on the conversation with | No information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal. | |

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| | Information Officer at the MPGL, there was no awareness of such a proposal and was directed to the Ministry of Labour. The Ministry of Labour was also unaware of such a proposal. | | |
| Ban of Single Usage of Polythene | OPEN | IMPLEMENTED | Ministry of Environment |
| | Information was proactively disclosed online by the Department of Government Printing Information was requested under the RTI Act. The Ministry provided information which was useful in making an assessment. | Gazette Number 2211/51 bans the use of polythene and plastic items from the 31st of March 2021. | |
| Contributory Pension Scheme for Self Employed | CLOSED | UNDISCLOSED | Ministry of Labour |
| | No proactive disclosure of information. Information was requested under the RTI Act. However no information was obtained. | No information was provided or available online to assess the progress of the proposal. | |
| Expand Retirement Age | OPEN | IMPLEMENTED | Department of Labour |
| | Information was proactively disclosed online by the Department of Government printing. | The Act titled ' MINIMUM RETIREMENT AGE OF WORKERS ACT, No. 28 OF 2021' was certified on the 17th of November 2021. | |

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