




2024 RTI REQUESTS REPORT

RIGHT TO INFORMATION UNIT



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Ministry of the Prime Minister



Right to Information

The Right to Information Unit (RTIU) is established under the Department of Strategic Policy, Planning and Aid Coordination’s organization structure. Therefore, RTIU is part of the Ministry of Prime Minister at large.

There were no requests received by the Ministry under the Right to Information Act in 2024 reported in the Ministry of Prime Minister Annual Report for 2024.

Date	Agency	Detail of Request	Response Status
31st January 2024	<u>Prime Minister's Office</u>	Request information on individuals who have gained Vanuatu passport under CIP programme	Not known

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Date	Agency	Detail of Request	Response Status
17th March 2024	<u>Right to Information Unit</u>	Entitlement calculation sheet	Successful
20 th March 2024	<u>Right to Information Unit</u>	Inquiring about the Vanuatu Government Website Directory	Successful
15 th May 2024	<u>Right to Information Unit</u>	List of Ministries and SOEs covered under RTI Act	Successful
17 th May 2024	<u>Right to Information Unit</u>	National Harmful Digital Communications (HDC) Policy	Successful
21 st May 2024	<u>Right to Information Unit</u>	Queries of cyberstalking under Cybercrime Act	Successful

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Right to Information

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and External Trades has never directly received requests from RTI Unit, however is aware of information sensitivity. The Director General is responsible to clear all official letters and information including country briefs and country update reports prior to bilateral meetings or to members organisations.

The Ministry acknowledges the importance of RTI and has recruited an IT/RTI/PR Officer in early 2023. The officer is based at the Corporate Services Unit of the Ministry.



Ministry of Finance and Economic Management

Right to Information

The Right to Information Unit (RTIU) was established under the Department of Strategic Policy, Planning and Aid Coordination's at the Ministry of Prime Minister's organization structure. The requests below were recorded by the Right to Information Unit and reported in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management 2024 Annual Report.

Date of Request	Agency	Date of Response
23rd May 2024	Price control unit	23rd May 2024
3rd June 2024	Department of Customs and Inland Revenue	3rd June 2024
24th June 2024	Department of Customs and Inland Revenue	24th June 2024
3rd September 2024	Department of Customs and Inland Revenue	3rd September 2024

Date	Agency	Detail of Request	Response Status
23 rd May 2024	Price Control Unit	Shipping and flight operators responsibility	Not Known
3 rd June 2024	<u>Department of Customs and Inland Revenue</u>	Request for release of Business License of ALL Registered Businesses in Vanuatu	Successful
24 th June 2024	<u>Department of Customs and Inland Revenue</u>	Information on Business Licences	Not known
3 rd September 2024	<u>Department of Customs and Inland Revenue</u>	Request to Information Form - VAT broken down by location and economic classification	Not known

Ministry of Education and Training

No report provided on RTI.

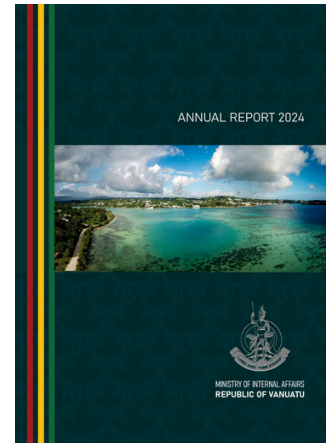
Ministry of Health

No report was provided in the Ministry of Health 2024 Annual report on RTI. Below is records of RTI request made in 2024 by the RTI Unit.



Date	Agency	Detail of Request	Response Status
24 th September 2024	<u>Ministry of Health</u>	Request Information on Covid Vaccine	Successful

Ministry of Internal Affairs



Right to Information

Right to Information Implementation – Ensuring that all departments under Ministry of Internal Affairs adhere to RTI Act obligations, making government data more accessible to the public.

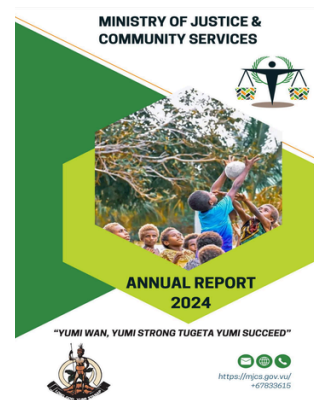
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Date	Agency	Detail of Request	Response Status
8th July 2024	<u>Vanuatu Police Force</u>	Request information on traffic accidents	Not known
25 th July 2024	<u>Public Land Transport Authority</u>	Request information on Electric buses for transport	Not known

Ministry of Justice & Community Services

No report provided on RTI in the Ministry of Justice & Community Services Annual Report.

Below are records of RTI requests made in 2024 by the RTI Unit.



Date	Agency	Detail of Request	Response Status
12th July 2024	Judicial Service Commission	Request information regarding the Eleo-Eurakot Appeal case.	Not known
4 th August 2024	<u>Customary Land Management Office</u>	Botolfo Green Certificate for custom land in North West Malekula	Not known

Ministry of Tourism, Trade, Commerce, and Ni-Vanuatu Business

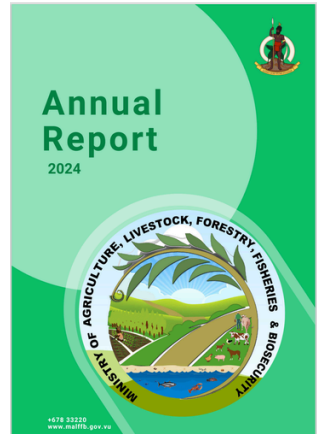
No report available for the Ministry of Tourism, Trade, Commerce, and Ni-Vanuatu Business.

Ministry of Climate Change

The Ministry of Climate Change has not received any request for information under the Right to Information as reported in its Annual Report for 2024.



Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries & Biosecurity



There no information on rights to information during preparation of Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries & Biosecurity Annual Report for 2024.

Date	Agency	Detail of Request	Response Status
8 February 2024	<u>Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries & Biosecurity.</u>	Monthly rental payments made by various government departments and ministries	Not known
24 th September 2024	<u>Department of Agriculture</u>	Request information on crop pricing and coconut tress pricing	Not known

Ministry of Infrastructure and Public Utilities

There no information on rights to information during preparation of Ministry of Infrastructure and Public Utilities Annual Report for 2024.

Date	Agency	Detail of Request	Response Status
15th May 2024	<u>Civil Aviation Authority. Vanuatu</u>	Overseas airlines stepping in to cover the domestic network	Not known
28 th May 2024	<u>Civil Aviation Authority. Vanuatu</u>	Bureau of price monitoring and consumer affairs appeal for price responsibility	Not known
28 th May 2024	<u>Airports Vanuatu</u>	Control tower being shut down	Successful
24 th September 2024	<u>Department of Public Works</u>	Request a copy of the Teouma Bridge Crops Assessment Report, 2019. Farmer Otman Massing	Not known

Vanuatu Public Service Commission

The Office of the Public Service Commission did not receive any request in 2024 made in accordance with the Right to information Act. However, a workshop was conducted by the Right to Information Unit under the Ministry of Prime Minister for the Right to Information focal persons in different agencies within the Government. Ms. Fern Napwatt; Senior Communication Officer for the Office of the Public Service Commission, attended this important workshop.

This Right to Information (RTI) Workshop was organized to support public offices of the Vanuatu Government to properly administer the Right to Information Act. The workshop was held on Thursday 4th & Friday 5th July 2024 at the Melanesian Hotel Conference Room.

Below are some important resources used during the two-day workshop and can be of value to everyone:

[Right to Information Act No 13 of 2016.](#)

[A GUIDE TO THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT 2017](#)

[Guide Proactive Publication](#)

[Code of Practice on Records and Information Management](#)

[RTI Web Accessibility Guidelines](#)

[RTI Application Form](#)

Date	Agency	Detail of Request	Response Status
12th June 2024	Vanuatu Public Service Commission	Position of Director General of Health	Not known

Private Entities

Private entity means:

- a person who carries on or has carried on a trade, business or profession but only in that capacity; or
- a partnership which carries on or has carried on any trade or business; or
- any former or existing person or any successor in title, but does not include a Government agency or a relevant private entity.

Date	Private Entity	Detail of Request	Response Status
24th September 2024	Harold Qualao Consulting Limited	Request a copy of the Teouma Bridge Project Plan and Budget proposal	Not known

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