

# RTI REQUESTS

## 2023 Report

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# Ministry of the Prime Minister



## Right to Information

The Right to Information Unit (RTIU) was 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 2023 reported in the Ministry of Prime Minister Annual Report for 2023.

Date	Agency	Detail of Request	Response Status
25 May 2023	Air Vanuatu Board	Right to information Request - Air Vanuatu Rapid assessment full report	Not known
7 June 2023	Citizenship Office	Request information on passport and Citizenship	Not known
23 November 2023	Citizenship Office	Confirm the citizenship status of persons listed in the RTI request form	Not known



# 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

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# Ministry of Education and Training

No report provided on RTI.

# Ministry of Internal Affairs

## Right to Information

The Right-To-Information (RTI) Office is located in the Prime Minister's Office and is responsible under the Right-To-Information Act to facilitate access to public information.

Anyone wishing to access information from any government institution may request through RTI who then notify the agency of the request for information they have receive.

It is understood that through RTI, information are more readily available for public consumption. Through this process RTI have assisted in terms of facilitating information flow while at the same time assist in promoting good governance and transparency within public administration.

The Ministry have dealt with large number of individuals, public and private agencies verbally requesting information directly in relation to national services, decentralization or Boarder and security services. These are information that are vital for general public for which request don't necessarily have to be made through RTI.

In 2023, departments within the Ministry provided to the Office of RTI, Area Administrator's Handbook as a source document that is used in inducting new Area Administrators. Also provided were the updated Provincial and Area Council contacts to the office of the RTI to assist then in their coordination of running awareness across the country.

# Ministry of Justice & Community Services

No report provided on RTI in the Ministry Annual Report.

Date	Agency	Detail of Request	Response Status
8 April 2023	Customary Land Management Office	Access information for a criminal investigation	Not known
8 May 2023	Ministry of Justice & Community Services	Correspondence between the Ministry of Justice and Community Services and Unimed about the company's mackarel fishing rights deal with Vanuatu	Not known
11 December 2023	Supreme Court	Court Minutes Orders of the Supreme Court Conference Case No. 12/5 SC/LNDA.	Not known

# Ministry of Trade & Commerce

No RTI requests were received by agencies under the Ministry of Trade & Commerce in 2023 as reported in its Annual Report for 2023.

# 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 2023.

# 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 2023.

Date	Agency	Detail of Request	Response Status
8 May 2023	Ministry of Agriculture	Correspondence between the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Forestry and Biosecurity and Unimed about the company's mackarel fishing rights deal with Vanuatu	Not known
8 May 2023	Department of Fisheries	Correspondence between the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Forestry and Biosecurity and Unimed about the company's mackarel fishing rights deal with Vanuatu	Not known



# RTI Request trend

