



**DICT**

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION  
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

**ACCESS TO  
INFORMATION  
ANNUAL REPORT 2021**



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## INTRODUCTION

This report is submitted by the Information Officer of the Department of Information Communications Technology (DICT) to the Information Commission, in line with the requirements of Section 54 (1) of the Access to Information Act, 2018 (AIA).

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## VISION OF DICT

The Vision of DICT is to have a government which fully makes use of ICT in supporting the delivery of its services and which creates the necessary framework (policies, legislations & regulations) that allows the full potential of ICT to be harnessed nationally for the benefit of the country.

## MISSIONS OF DICT

The missions of DICT are:

1. The development of legislations, regulations and policies pertaining to telecommunication and related services.
2. The implementation of legislations, regulations and policies pertaining to telecommunication and related services.
3. The development and maintenance of software applications to support the delivery of government services.
4. The implementation, management and maintenance of the government ICT infrastructure.
5. The collaboration and coordination with the various government sectors/ministries in addressing their specific ICT needs and requirements.
6. The establishment of the role/s of ICT in the various sectors/ministries and supporting the enactment of these roles.
7. The planning and management of radio communication resources (e.g. domain names, frequency, numbers etc.).

## REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ANNUAL REPORT

The Table below provide details of the Access to Information requests received and processed by DICT in line with the requirements of the AIA report for the period of **1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.**

Details	Records (No.)
The total number of Access to Information requests for access received;	1
The number of requests for personal information	0
The number of request for public domain information	0
The number of request for third party information	0
The number of request for commercial and confidential Information	0
The number of request for law enforcement information	1
The number of request for privileged documents	0
The number of request for protection of life and safety of an individual information	0
The number of request for National Security and defence	0
The number of request for International relations	0
The number of request for Economic interest of the state	0
The number of request for Academic or professional examination and recruitment process information	0
The number of request for proposal submitted to Cabinet	0
the number of requests for access granted in full	1
the number of requests for access refused in full	0
the number of requests for access refused in part	0
the number of times each provision of Part III ( <b>EXEMPTIONS</b> ) was relied on to refuse access in full or in part;	0
the number of cases in which the periods stipulated in section 11 were extended in terms of section 12;	0
the number of review applications lodged with the head of the information holder;	0
the number of reviews lodged on the ground that a request for access was regarded as having been refused in terms of section 14;	0
the number of cases in which, as a result of a review, access was given to information;	0
The number of request transferred to another Public Body	0
The number of request abandoned after request	0
The number of request but no records exist	0

**Table 1:** Details of Access to Information Requests

No.	Details
<b>I.</b>	<p>A description of the steps or efforts taken by the head of the body to encourage all officers of that body to comply with the provisions of this Act;</p> <p><i>The Management of DICT are aware of DICT's Information Officer and has been briefed of the role of the Information Officer. The Management has also been encouraged to readily assist the Information Officer in the implementation of the AIA. The Management of DICT are actively engaging with the Information Officer to ensure that as a Department we are complying with the provisions of the AIA.</i></p>
<b>II.</b>	<p>Any facts which indicate an effort by the body to administer and implement the spirit and intention of the Act according to its submitted plan;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. DICT employees are aware of DICT's Information Officer;</i></li> <li><i>2. DICT employees has attended a presentation by the Information officer providing them details with regards to the content of the AIA and how DICT will administer and implement the AIA;</i></li> <li><i>3. DICT employees have been provided with soft-copies of the AIA;</i></li> <li><i>4. The Information Officer ensures that new employees also go through the process of being educated about the AIA and provided with the relevant documentations.</i></li> </ol>
<b>III.</b>	<p>Particulars of any penalties imposed against any person under this Act;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (If yes, list down)</p>
<b>IV.</b>	<p>Particulars of any disciplinary action taken against any person under this Act;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (If yes, list down)</p>

**Table 2:** Efforts Made by DICT for the Implementation of the AIA

## CHALLENGES

It is important to note that DICT did not encounter any particular difficulties in the implementation of the AIA.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Information Commission organize workshops with small groups of Information Officers to better understand the content and implementation of the AIA. This is considering that a lot of Information Officers do not have a legal background.

## DECLARATION

I declare that in accordance to Section 54 of the Access to Information, Act 2018, the Annual Report are to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate and complete as per the requirements.



(Signature)

**Miss. Beryl Payet**  
Information Officer - DICT

I confirm that this Annual Report is verified and true, accurate and complete to my knowledge as the Head of Information Holder of the Department of Information Communication Technology on the date stated below.



(Signature)

**Mr. Benjamin Choppy**  
Principal Secretary - DICT

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2022.



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