

# Public Authority: Ministry for Justice and Reform of the Construction Sector

[Description](#) of the Public Authority

[Functions and responsibilities](#)

## General description of the categories of documents the department/directorate/entity holds.

*Some of the information listed is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (Cap. 496).*

Office of the Permanent Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Documentation and correspondence relating to administration issues</li><li>• General Correspondence</li><li>• Files related to the implementation of the Ministry's initiatives</li><li>• Files related to the implementation of the Ministry's measures</li><li>• Ministry Files</li><li>• Documents related to Boards set up under the remit of the Ministry</li></ul>
Ministerial Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parliamentary Questions</li><li>• Cabinet Papers</li><li>• Bills</li><li>• Legal Notices</li><li>• Press Releases</li><li>• Working papers</li></ul>
Legal Aid Malta Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal Aid Applications (Administrative and Court applications)</li><li>• Complaint files (complaints by legal aid clients)</li><li>• Queries by clients (generic queries / correspondence)</li><li>• General Procurement files</li><li>• General Administration files</li><li>• Recruitment files</li></ul>
Malta Mediation Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HR Files</li><li>• Correspondence</li><li>• Board minutes</li><li>• Applications</li></ul>

<p>Directorate for Corporate Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Files</li> <li>• Allowances</li> <li>• Study Leave</li> <li>• Sponsorships</li> <li>• Calls for Applications</li> <li>• Work-Life Balance</li> <li>• Standard Operations Procedures (SOPs)</li> </ul>
<p>Legal Affairs and Policy Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy documents and related working documents on themes that fall within the portfolio of the Ministry</li> <li>• Briefing Notes and speaking notes for use by Government Officials</li> <li>• Explanatory Memoranda, Briefing Notes and Background Notes for the Minister and Instruction - Notes for the Permanent Representative of Malta to the EU and other Maltese representatives attending European and other international fora</li> <li>• Documents issued by the EU institutions and other international fora o Reports detailing discussions and negotiations within EU fora</li> <li>• Documents related to the programming of funds, including Multi-Annual and Annual Programmes</li> <li>• Manuals of procedures, Applications and other documentation related to the management of EU Funds</li> <li>• Reports and documentation related to the implementation of projects cofunded by the EU</li> </ul>
<p>Data Protection and Information Coordination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Database of Public Authorities and FOI Officers</li> <li>• FOI Decisions</li> <li>• Documents and correspondence related to nominations of FOI Officers</li> <li>• Presentations on the FOIA and the FOIA IT tool</li> <li>• Database of FOI requests and complaints</li> <li>• Meeting Minutes</li> <li>• Data Protection Compliance Files</li> <li>• Data Protection Twinning Programme</li> <li>• Data Protection Day File</li> </ul>

Justice Directorate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• files with requests for transfer of non-Maltese prison inmates to their country of origin;</li> <li>• files with application for special leave under the Mental Health Act (Cap. 525 of the Laws of Malta);</li> <li>• files concerning Petitions for Presidential Pardon;</li> <li>• files concerning ex gratia compensation claims;</li> <li>• files with applications for victim statutory compensation;</li> <li>• Commissioners for Oaths Warrants;</li> <li>• Copies of Warrants to practise as advocate and as a legal procurator;</li> <li>• Copies of Warrants of legal professionals to practise the respective profession in Malta under their home title;</li> <li>• Applications concerning persons interested to serve as court experts.</li> </ul>
IMU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Websites and Web</li> <li>• Network</li> <li>• ICT Procurement</li> <li>• IT Assets</li> <li>• User Guides and Manuals</li> <li>• User Rights</li> </ul>
Asset Recovery Bureau Administrative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day to day running – such as HR, Procurement, Travel, Inventories of Assets</li> <li>• Financial records including payslips, tax and national insurance contributions, procurement documentation, etc.;</li> <li>• Documents relating to EU Funding programmes; Operational:</li> <li>• Court Decrees, Order and Notifications;</li> <li>• Case Files;</li> <li>• Asset Management Files;</li> <li>• Contact Lists of Stakeholders;</li> <li>• Statistics</li> </ul>
Permanent Commission Against Corruption	<a href="#">Link</a>

<p>Real Estate Licensing Unit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications to license natural persons as property intermediators (EA1 Applications), together with supporting documentation.</li> <li>• Applications to register trade names operating within the property intermediation industry (EA2 Applications), together with supporting documentation.</li> <li>• Applications to register legal persons, k/a partnerships operating within the property intermediation industry (EA3 Applications), together with supporting documentation.</li> <li>• Notifications submitted by individuals acting as property intermediators in 2 transactions or less per year, also known as Occasional Basis Intermediators. (as per Ch.615 of the Laws of Malta).</li> <li>• Applications to register individuals as apprentices of licensed property intermediators, with the intention of gaining work experience in the property intermediation industry.</li> <li>• Register of Licensed Property Intermediators.</li> <li>• Register of authorised Trade Names in the property intermediation industry.</li> <li>• Register of authorised Partnerships in the property intermediation industry.</li> <li>• Register of Occasional Basis Intermediators.</li> <li>• Register of Apprentices.</li> <li>• Administrative and Official files.</li> <li>• Legislation concerning the Property Intermediation Industry, i.e. Chapter 615 of the Laws of Malta.</li> <li>• Parliamentary Questions and pertinent replies concerning the property intermediation industry.</li> <li>• Enforcement Orders/Notices as approved by the Real Estate Licensing Board (RELB).</li> <li>• Personal files of employees and attendance sheets.</li> <li>• Minutes of Meetings – Real Estate Licensing Board (RELB).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Description of all manuals and similar types of documents which contain policies, principles, rules or guidelines in accordance with which decisions or recommendations are made in respect of members of the public (including bodies corporate and employees of the public authority in their personal capacity)</b></p>	
<p>Office of the Permanent Secretary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memoranda and internal circular</li> <li>• Manuals of procedure</li> </ul>

Ministerial Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidelines</li> <li>• Financial Estimates</li> </ul>
Legal Aid Malta Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard Operational Procedures for Legal Aid Lawyers and Legal Procurators assisting legal aid clients</li> <li>• Operating Procedures of the Disciplinary Board (Legal Aid Malta)</li> <li>• Laws of Malta (online version)</li> <li>• Public Service Management Code (online version)</li> <li>• Manual for Public Sector Entities (online version)</li> <li>• Manual on Industrial Relations and the Selection and Appointment Process under Delegated Authority in The Malta Public Service (online version)</li> <li>• Public Administration Act</li> <li>• Public Procurement Regulations</li> </ul>
Malta Mediation Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Code of Conduct for Mediators</li> <li>• Malta Mediation Centre website</li> <li>• PSMC</li> <li>• DIER</li> <li>• Servizz.com</li> </ul>
Directorate for Corporate Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSMC</li> <li>• Manual on Special Leaves</li> <li>• Manual on Work-Life Balance Measures</li> <li>• Manual on Resourcing Policies and Procedures</li> <li>• Manual on Disciplinary Procedures</li> <li>• Manual on Staff Development in Public Administration</li> <li>• Manual Regarding Positions of Assistant Director, Senior Manager, Manager and Assistant Manager in the Public Service</li> <li>• Manual on Industrial Relations and the Selection and Appointment Process under Delegated Authority in the Malta Public Service</li> <li>• Manual on Allowances</li> </ul>

Legal Affairs and Policy Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manuals of procedures, Applications and other documentation related to the management of EU Funds</li> </ul>
Data Protection and Information Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FOI IT System User Manual</li> <li>• Data Protection Manual</li> <li>• Data Protection Guidelines, Presentations, and Newsletters</li> <li>• Data Protection Templates</li> </ul>
Justice Directorate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSMC;</li> <li>• SOPs;</li> <li>• Relative laws concerning services provided by the Department.</li> </ul>
IMU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of Websites, Social Media Pages and domains</li> <li>• Network Plans and related documents</li> <li>• RFQs related to IT, devices and consumables</li> <li>• List of IT tangible and intangible Assets</li> <li>• Soft Copies of internal and mServices SOPs and related documents</li> <li>• List of IT Accounts and user rights</li> <li>• ERFS and GMICT Policy related documents</li> </ul>
Asset Recovery Bureau Administrative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard of Procedures</li> <li>• Memorandum of Understanding;</li> <li>• Annual Reports</li> </ul>
Permanent Commission Against Corruption	<a href="#">Link</a>
Real Estate Licensing Unit	<p>The Real Estate Licensing Unit, the administrative arm of the Real Estate Licensing Board maintains the following manuals, which affect those members of the public requiring its services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Public Service Management Code (PSMC).</li> <li>• Standard Operating Procedures.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Statement of the information that needs to be available to members of the public who wish to obtain access to official documents from the public authority, which statement shall include particulars of the officer or officers to whom requests for such access should be sent.</b></p>	

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### **Details of Internal Complaints Procedure**

An applicant whose request for information is refused, or who is otherwise not satisfied with the information provided, its format or the extension of the deadline for the submission of the notification indicating whether a request would be met or not, may address a complaint to the Office of the Permanent Secretary.

Complaints may be submitted via E-ID or online which can be accessed through the FOI portal [www.foi.gov.mt](http://www.foi.gov.mt) or via email.

The complaint should be addressed to the Public Authority's FOI Officer, who shall bring the complaint to the attention of the officer responsible. The officer responsible shall be the Director or the most senior official within the Department, Directorate or Secretariat concerned. In the absence of such officer, a reply may be provided by the Assistant Director. In the absence of an Assistant Director a reply would be provided by the officer higher in rank than the Director or most senior official concerned. The officer responsible shall reply to the applicant within 10 working days from the receipt of the complaint. The applicant shall also be informed that he or she may appeal the decision or otherwise address a complaint to the Information and Data Protection Commissioner in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (Cap. 496 of the Laws of Malta).

The officer responsible shall inform the applicant of the decision taken with respect to his or her complaint, and in the event of confirmation of a decision not to release the pertinent information, shall explain the reasons thereof. Whenever the applicant's complaint is related to the format of the information provided or to an extension of the deadline for the submission of the notification indicating whether a request would be met or not by the Public Authority and the original decision is upheld, the applicant shall be given an explanation as to why his or her complaint cannot be positively addressed.

An applicant may also make use of the Internal Complaints Procedure to report failure to meet deadlines or to send notifications. In those cases where the request for information can be met, but has not been met within the deadlines specified by the Act, the officer responsible shall waive any applicable fees for the submission of information.

### **Other Information**

Requests submitted during non-working days will be considered to have been lodged on the first working day that follows submission.

Where a request is entertained according to the provisions at law (Act 496) and payments are due to be made as per LN 158/2010, such payments are to be deposited at the same address indicated below.

Payments can be made in cash or by cheque payable to the Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Justice and Reform of the Construction Sector  
Accounts Section, 30, Old Treasury Street, Valletta VLT 1410

Applicants are requested to make an appointment with the FOI Officer before calling at the Public Authority for payment and/or collection of document.

Working Hours

Winter Hours

8.00am – 12.30pm and 1.15pm – 5.15pm

Summer Hours

8.00am -1.00pm

### **Public Authority Contact Details**

FOI generic email address: [foicu@gov.mt](mailto:foicu@gov.mt)