

Report 2019 on the issuance of public information by the Administration of the Government of Georgia in accordance with the requirements of Article 49 of the General Administrative Code of Georgia

In the 2019 reporting period, Administration of the Government of Georgia (hereinafter *Administration*) was conducting its activities in accordance with the requirements of the norms of the General Administrative Code of Georgia (hereinafter *Code*).

Requests concerning the issuance of public information generally referred to legislative initiatives, ordinances of Georgian Prime Minister, resolutions and decrees of the Government of Georgia, minutes of meeting of the Government of Georgia, the expenses of the Administration, and issues related to the remuneration of the Administration's employees.

In the 2019 reporting period, a total of 202 written public information requests were filed, with 59 requests satisfied, seven requests denied, 89 requests referred to the relevant authorized administrative units in line with Article 80 of the Code, and 47 requests being processed.

Decisions on denying public information requests were made by the leadership of the Administration of the Government of Georgia based on the Code and applicable legislation. The August 6, 2018 Ordinance #301 of the Prime Minister of Georgia designates public servants responsible for ensuring access to public information at the Administration of the Government of Georgia and responding, within their purviews, to requests on information.

In 2019, no administrative grievances were filed in relation to refusal to issue public information by the Administration, nor were there any lawsuits filed in the general court in 2019 against the Administration for refusing to issue public information. In addition, pursuant to Paragraph G, Article 49 of the Code, the Administration incurred no expenses in 2019 in relation to appealed decisions, including mandatory compensations in favor of claimants.

Given the specifics of work to be performed, the Administration has accumulated databases, including the personal data of its employees.

No disciplinary fines were imposed on responsible personnel of the Administration for violating the requirements of the Code.

Pursuant to Article 12 of the Law of Georgia on the Structure, Authority, and Rules of Operation of the Government of Georgia, and based on the Ordinance of the Government of Georgia, the meetings of the Georgian Government are usually closed to the public. Consequently, the Government meetings throughout the reporting period were held in line with the law. No decision was made to hold open meetings of the Government of Georgia.

In addition, the website of the Georgian Government systematically posts the agendas and decisions of the meetings of the Government of Georgia. The Members of the Georgian Government held briefings after each Cabinet meeting. Under the Georgian Government's Open Governance initiative, the Members of the Georgian Government also held press conferences on the performance of the Government and individual agencies.

To ensure access to and proactive publication of information at the Administration, the website of the Government of Georgia features a special section for public information posting, in line with the requirements of Georgian legislation, public information on the work of the Administration.