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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 2001

An Act to confer on the public a general right of access to information held by public authorities, to make provision for the refusal of access on limited grounds, and for connected purposes.

[Assented to 21st June, 2001]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF ATLANTIS, AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAME, AS FOLLOWS:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Freedom of Information Act, 2001.

*Right to
information*

2.

(1) Every person has the right, on making a request to a public authority, to be informed in writing whether the authority holds the information requested and, if it does, to have that information communicated.

(2) A public authority shall comply with a request under subsection (1) promptly and in any event within twenty working days of receiving it.

*Publication of
legislation*

3. Nothing in this Act requires a public authority to communicate information that is already reasonably accessible to the applicant, and information published under the Legislation Act, 1992, shall be taken to be reasonably accessible for the purposes of this section.

*Grounds for
refusal*

4.

(1) A public authority may refuse a request only where the information is exempt under this section.

(2) Information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the defence of Atlantis, the detection of crime, or the conduct of relations with another State.

Appeals

5. A person aggrieved by a decision under this Act may appeal to the Tribunal within twenty-eight days of being notified of the decision.