

Right to Information

– Release of Information Reporting Requirements

1 Introduction

The *Right to Information Act 2009* (RTI Act) commenced on 1 July 2010 and provides for greater access to information held by government bodies by:

- Authorising and encouraging greater routine disclosure of information held by public authorities without the need for requests or applications;
- Authorising and encouraging greater active disclosure of information held by public authorities in response to informal requests without the need for applications;
- Giving members of the public an enforceable right to information held by public authorities; and
- Providing that access to information held by government bodies is restricted in only limited circumstances which are defined in the Act.

The Motor Accidents Insurance Board (MAIB) is a public authority.

2 Required and Routine Disclosures

Section 23 (1)(c) of the RTI Act states that the principal officer of a public authority must as soon as practicable after the end of each financial year provide details on information published as required disclosures or routine disclosures by the public authority.

Required Disclosure – means a disclosure of information by a public authority where the information is required to be published by this or any other Act, or where disclosure is otherwise required by law or enforceable under an agreement.

Routine Disclosure – means a disclosure of information by a public authority which the public authority decides may be of interest to the public, but which is not a required disclosure, an assessed disclosure or an active disclosure.

3 Assessed Disclosures – Reporting Requirements

Section 23 (1)(d) of the RTI Act states that the principal officer of a public authority must as soon as practicable after the end of each financial year provide details on information released as assessed disclosures.

Assessed Disclosure – means a disclosure of information by a public authority of a Minister in response to an application in accordance with s13 of the RTI Act.

4 Compliance

In order to comply with the reporting requirements of s23 of the RTI Act, the MAIB will place information on its website as soon as practicable after the completion of the financial year (see COR124 Right to Information – Disclosures).