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Act of 25 October 2021 containing rules on the accessibility of information of public interest (Open Government Act)

We Willem-Alexander, by the Grace of God, King of the Netherlands, Prince of Orange-Nassau, etc. etc. etc.

To all who shall see or hear this read, salute! Let it be known:

Whereas We have considered that, taking into account [Article 110 of the Constitution](#) , the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters concluded in Aarhus (Denmark) on 25 June 1998 (Trb. 2001, 73) and Directive No. 2003/4/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2003 on public access to environmental information and on the withdrawal of [External link: Council Directive 90/313/EEC](#) (OJ L 41) has proven desirable, in the context of the continuous pursuit of good and democratic governance, to increase access to government information for all, to promote active disclosure, to make administrative transparency the norm, to update the rules on openness and public access and to incorporate them into law as far as possible so that public access becomes a right of citizens and remains a duty of government;

Thus it is that We, having heard the Advisory Division of the Council of State, and with the common consent of the States General, have deemed it good and understood, as We hereby approve and understand:

Chapter I. Rights

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Article 1.1. Right of access

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Everyone has the right of access to public information without having to state an interest, subject to any restrictions imposed by this Act.

Chapter 2. General provisions

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Article 2.1. Definitions

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In this Act and the provisions based thereon, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- *document*: a written document or other set of recorded data drawn up or received by a body, person or board as referred to in [Article 2.2, first paragraph](#) , which by its nature is related to the public task of that body, person or board;
- *environmental information*: as defined in [Article 19.1a of the Environmental Management Act](#) ;
- *Our Minister*: Our Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Relations;
- *public information*: information contained in documents held by a body, person or board as referred to in [Article 2.2, first paragraph](#) , or information that can be requested by an administrative body pursuant to [Article 2.3.](#)

Article 2.2. Scope

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- **1**This Act applies to:
 - **a.**administrative bodies;
 - **b.**the Chambers and the joint meeting of the States General;
 - **c.**the Judicial Council and the College of Deputies;
 - **d.**the Council of State, unless the Council exercises royal authority, and with the exception of the Administrative Jurisdiction Division;
 - **e.**the General Audit Office;
 - **f.**the National Ombudsman and the deputy ombudsmen as referred to in [Article 9, paragraph 1, of the National Ombudsman Act](#) , and ombudsmen and ombudsman committees as referred to in [Article 9:17, section b, of the General Administrative Law Act](#) .
- **2**For the purposes of this Act, the bodies, persons and boards referred to in the first paragraph, parts b to f, which are not administrative bodies under the [General Administrative Law Act](#) , shall be treated as administrative bodies.

Article 2.4. Duty of care and disclosure

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- **1**An administrative body shall ensure that the documents it receives, produces or otherwise has in its possession are in a good, orderly and accessible condition.
- **2**An administrative body shall ensure as far as possible that the information it provides in accordance with this Act is up-to-date, accurate and comparable.
- **3**If an administrative body makes information public in accordance with this Act, it shall do so in such a way that the interested party and citizen are reached as much as possible and in the following generally accessible manner:
 - **a.**in a form available for reuse that meets the conditions of the [Government Information Reuse Act](#) ;
 - **b.**or, if provision in a machine-readable open format cannot reasonably be required, in another electronically searchable form;
 - **c.**or, if electronic provision cannot reasonably be required, by providing a copy of the literal content thereof in another form;
 - **d.**or, if provision of a copy or the literal content cannot reasonably be required, by providing an extract or summary of the content, by providing information therefrom or by making it available for inspection.
- **4**An administrative body is not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of information prepared by third parties.
- **5**If the administrative body becomes aware of the inaccuracy or incompleteness of the information provided, it shall report this.
- **6**Where the administrative body provides information, it shall, where necessary and to the extent that such information is available, also provide information on the methods used in compiling the information.

Article 2.5. Importance of openness

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When applying this law, the general interest of openness of public information for a democratic society is taken as a starting point.

Chapter 3. Disclosure on one's own initiative

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Article 3.1. Active disclosure as an obligation of effort

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- **1**The administrative body directly concerned shall, in the performance of its duties, of its own accord, make public to all the information held by the administrative body, contained in documents, if this is reasonably possible without disproportionate effort or costs, except to the extent that the [first, second and fifth paragraphs of Articles 5.1](#) and [5.2](#) prevent publication or no reasonable interest is served by the publication. This information shall in any event concern information about the policy, including its preparation, implementation, compliance, enforcement and evaluation.
- **2**In the event of partial non-disclosure, the administrative body shall notify this at the same time as the disclosure.
- **3**Documents referred to in the first paragraph shall not be made public until interested parties who are expected to have objections to publication have been given the opportunity to express their views within a period set by the administrative body.
- **4**The administrative body shall inform an interested party that the first paragraph is being applied, stating the time of publication and the documents to be published. The notification shall be considered equivalent to a decision.

Article 3.3. Active disclosure of categories of information

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- **1**An administrative body shall in any case make public on its own initiative:
 - **a.**laws and other generally binding regulations;
 - **b.**other decisions of general scope;
 - **c.**[Editor: this part has not yet entered into force;]

- **d.**insight into its organization and working methods, including the tasks and powers of the organizational units;
- **e.**the accessibility of the administrative body and its organizational units and the manner in which a request for information can be submitted.
- **2**Except to the extent that [Articles 5.1, first, second and fifth paragraphs](#) , and [5.2](#) prevent this, the administrative body shall also make public on its own initiative:
 - **a.**[Editor: this part has not yet entered into force;]
 - **b.**meeting documents and reports of the Houses and the joint session of the States General and their committees, unless they relate to information provided confidentially by the government to the States General;
 - **c.**[Editor: this part has not yet entered into force;]
 - **d.**[Editor: this part has not yet entered into force;]
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 - **j.**[Editor: this part has not yet entered into force;]
 - **k.**[Editor: this part has not yet entered into force;]
 - **l.**[Editor: This part has not yet entered into force.]
- **3**On the recommendation of Our Minister, it may be determined by general administrative measure that:
 - **a.**the administrative body makes other categories of information public on its own initiative in accordance with the first or second paragraph; and
 - **b.**categories of decisions are designated which, by way of derogation from the second paragraph, part k, are made public on their own initiative.
- **4**The disclosure referred to in the first and second paragraphs shall take place as soon as possible, but no later than two weeks after the information has been determined or received.
- **5**By way of exception to the fourth paragraph:

- **a.**the designs and the associated requests for advice referred to in the first paragraph, section c, as well as the related advice referred to in the second paragraph, section e, under 1°, shall be made public by the administrative body that requested the advice at the latest at the same time as the submission of the bill to the States General or the publication of the generally binding regulation or decision, if the administrative body has motivated in its request for advice that earlier publication would be detrimental to an objective intended by the law, regulation or decision;
- **b.**in the case of proposals for general budget laws and the documents concerning the accountability of the receipts and expenditure of the State as referred to in [Article 105, first, second and third paragraphs, of the Constitution](#) , the explanatory documents pertaining thereto, as well as in the case of a bill submitted at the time referred to in [Article 65 of the Constitution](#) insofar as that bill relates to the levying of taxes, the versions on which an advice request is made, the advice relating to those versions as referred to in the second paragraph, section e, and the studies relating to those versions as referred to in the second paragraph, section j, shall be made public simultaneously with the submission of the bill or the documents to the States General;
- **c.**meeting documents as referred to in the second paragraph, parts b and c, are made public at the same time as they are distributed to the participants of the meeting in question;
- **d.**agendas as referred to in the second paragraph, part d, shall be made public at the latest at the start of the meeting in question;
- **e.**the contents of a written request as referred to in the second paragraph, part i, shall be made public together with the decision on that request;
- **f.**the publication of investigations as referred to in the second paragraph, part j, under 1°, shall take place no later than four weeks after receipt of the investigation;
- **g.**the publication of a decision containing a remedial sanction that is not excluded in the second paragraph, part k, under 6, shall take place no later than two weeks after the decision has become final;
- **h.**incoming documents as referred to in the second paragraph shall not be made public until interested parties who are expected to have objections to publication have been given the opportunity to express their views within two weeks;
- **i.**documents as referred to in the second paragraph, where it has become apparent during their preparation or after application of subparagraph h that an interested party is expected to object to a prescribed publication, shall be made public two weeks after determination or the expiry of the period set on the basis of subparagraph h for submitting a point of view.

- **6**The disclosure referred to in the second paragraph, part e, shall take place:
 - **a.**for a request for advice to an advisory board or committee by the administrative body that requested the advice;
 - **b.**for advice from an advisory board or committee by that advisory board or committee, except in the cases referred to in the fifth paragraph, parts a and b;
 - **c.**for advice from another external party by the administrative body that received the advice.
- **7**The administrative body shall inform an interested party that the fifth paragraph, section i, is being applied, stating the time of publication and the documents to be published. The notification shall be considered equivalent to a decision.
- **8**The administrative body shall give notice of a partial non-disclosure at the same time as the disclosure. The administrative body shall give notice of a complete non-disclosure in the manner and at the time at which the non-disclosed document would have been disclosed.
- **9**Our Minister may, by ministerial regulation, lay down further rules regarding the manner in which the documents referred to in this article are actively made public.

Article 3.3a. Active disclosure in the form of overviews

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- **1**Instead of making public in accordance with [Article 3.3, paragraph 2, subparagraph k](#) , an administrative body may make public the information on decisions concerning subsidies to persons other than natural persons in an overview that can be consulted electronically by persons, whereby,

insofar as the information is included in the decision and [Articles 5.1, paragraphs 1, 2 and 5](#) , and [5.2](#) do not prevent publication, the following shall in any case be made public:

- **a.**the basis of the subsidy;
 - **b.**the receiver;
 - **c.**the activities for which the subsidy is provided, as well as the target provisions included in the decision;
 - **d.**the amount of grants, determinations and changes;
 - **e.**the withdrawals;
 - **f.**the date of the decision.
- **2**Instead of publication in accordance with [Article 3.3, paragraph 2, subparagraph k](#) , an administrative body may publish information on decisions other than decisions on subsidies in an overview that is electronically accessible to persons, whereby, insofar as the information is included in the decision and [Articles 5.1, paragraphs 1, 2 and 5](#) , and [5.2](#) do not prevent publication, the following is in any case made public:
 - **a.**the basis of the decision;
 - **b.**the legal effect of the decision, including any provisions contained in the decision;
 - **c.**the duration of the order;
 - **d.**the addressee, to the extent that the protection of privacy does not prevent this;
 - **e.**the date of the decision.
- **3**Instead of making public in accordance with [Article 3.3, paragraph 2, subparagraph l](#) , an administrative body may make public the information on written decisions in complaints procedures in an overview that is electronically accessible to individuals, whereby, insofar as the information is included in the decision and [Articles 5.1, paragraphs 1, 2 and 5](#) , and [5.2](#) do not prevent disclosure, the following is in any case made public:
 - **a.**the date of receipt of the complaint;
 - **b.**the organizational unit concerned;
 - **c.**the job title of the civil servant about whom the complaint has been made;
 - **d.**the description of the conduct against which the complaint is directed;

- **e.**the findings;
 - **f.**the judgment;
 - **g.**the conclusions;
 - **h.**the date of the judgment.
- **4**An administrative body may, in the overview referred to in the third paragraph, present comparable complaints concerning an organisational unit in combination, if the judgement and the conclusions are also comparable. For each combined presentation, the number of judgements sent per month shall be stated instead of the information referred to in the third paragraph, parts a and h.
 - **5**An overview as referred to in this article shall be updated at least every two weeks.
 - **6**Our Minister may, by ministerial regulation, lay down further rules on the manner in which the overviews referred to in this article are actively made public.

Article 3.3b

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The publication of the documents referred to in [Articles 3.3](#) and [3.3a](#) shall be done electronically in a generally accessible manner by means of a digital infrastructure maintained by Our Minister. This infrastructure shall be available for the publication of other documents.

Article 3.4. Publicity in cases of important public interest

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By way of exception to [Articles 5.1](#) and [5.2](#) , an administrative body may make information public on its own initiative if another important public interest, including the interest of public safety, public health or the environment or the protection of the democratic legal order, so requires in a specific case.

Article 3.5. Publicity paragraph

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In the annual budget or the annual budget of the public body or legal entity of which the administrative body is part, an administrative body shall pay attention to the policy intentions regarding the implementation of this Act and shall report on its implementation in the annual accountability, also in relation to the policy intentions.

Chapter 4. Disclosure on request

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Article 4.1. Request

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- **1**Any person may submit a request for public information to an administrative body or an institution, service or company operating under the responsibility of an administrative body. In the latter case, the responsible administrative body shall decide on the request.
- **2**A request may be submitted orally or in writing and may be sent electronically in the manner specified by the administrative body.
- **3**The applicant need not have any interest in his request.
- **4**In his request, the applicant shall specify the matter or the related document about which he wishes to receive information.
- **5**If a request is formulated in too general a manner, the administrative body shall request the applicant to specify the request within two weeks of receipt of the request and shall assist the applicant in doing so.
- **6**The administrative body may decide not to process a request if the applicant does not cooperate with a request for clarification as referred to

in the fifth paragraph. By way of derogation from [Article 4:5, fourth paragraph, of the General Administrative Law Act](#), the decision not to process the request shall be communicated to the applicant within two weeks after the request has been specified or after the period set for this purpose has expired unused.

- 7A request for information shall be granted subject to the provisions of [Chapter 5](#) .

Article 4.1a. Safeguarding the preservation of documents

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The administrative body shall ensure the retention of the documents to which a request received by it relates.

Article 4.2. Referral

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- **1**If the request relates to information held by an administrative body other than the one to which the request was submitted, the applicant will be referred to that administrative body if necessary. If the request is made in writing, it will be forwarded without delay to that administrative body to the extent that it relates to information held by another administrative body, with notification of the forwarding to the applicant.
- **2**If the request concerns information that should have been in the possession of the administrative body on the basis of any statutory provision, the administrative body shall demand the requested information from the person who has the information. The person who has the requested information shall provide it to the administrative body without delay.
- **3**To the extent that a request as referred to in [Article 4.1, first paragraph](#) , that is addressed to one of the Houses or the joint meeting of the States General, relates to information that has been provided confidentially by the government to the States General, the House or the joint meeting shall forward the request for consideration to Our Minister or Our Ministers who have provided this information confidentially.

Article 4.2a. Consultation between administrative body and applicant

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If a sufficiently specified request is so extensive that a decision cannot be made within the period referred to in [Article 4.4, first paragraph](#) , the administrative body shall consult with the applicant before the end of that period on the prioritisation of the handling of the request. The administrative body shall provide the requested documents as much as possible in the order requested by the applicant.

Article 4.3. Decision

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- **1**The decision on a request for information is taken orally or in writing.
- **2**The administrative body shall in any case decide in writing on a request for information if:
 - **a.**the written request is rejected in whole or in part;
 - **b.**the applicant requests a written decision in the event of a total or partial rejection of the oral request;
 - **c.**the requested information is only provided to the applicant in accordance with [Article 5.5](#) , [Article 5.6](#) or [Article 5.7](#) and conditions are attached to the provision; or
 - **d.**the requested information relates to or comes from third parties, unless they have declared that they do not require a written decision.
- **3**If an oral request is rejected, the applicant is informed of the possibility of a written decision.

Article 4.4. Term

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- **1**The administrative body shall decide on the request for information as soon as possible, but no later than four weeks from the day after the request was received.
- **2**The administrative body may adjourn the decision for a maximum of two weeks if the volume or complexity of the information justifies an extension. The applicant shall be notified of the adjournment in writing, stating the reasons, before the first period expires.
- **3**Without prejudice to [Article 4:15 of the General Administrative Law Act](#), the period for issuing a decision shall be suspended from the day after the administrative body informs the applicant that [Article 4:8 of the General Administrative Law Act](#) has been applied , up to and including the day on which the interested party or interested parties have submitted a point of view or the period set for this purpose has expired unused.
- **4**If the suspension referred to in the third paragraph ends, the administrative body shall notify the applicant thereof as soon as possible, stating the period within which the decision must still be given.
- **5**If the administrative body has decided to provide information, the information will be provided at the same time as the announcement of the decision, unless an interested party is expected to object, in which case the information will be provided two weeks after the decision has been announced. If a request is made for an interim measure as referred to in [Article 8:81 of the General Administrative Law Act](#) , the publication will be suspended until the interim relief judge has given a ruling or the request has been withdrawn.
- **6**If the administrative body has decided to provide information that directly concerns a third party or that originates from a third party, the administrative body shall simultaneously communicate this decision to that third party.

Article 4.5. Provision

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- **1**The administrative body shall provide the information in the form requested by the applicant or, if this cannot reasonably be required, in accordance with the provisions of [Article 2.4, third paragraph](#) .
- **2**If the information is already available to the public in a form that is easily accessible to the applicant, the administrative body shall inform the applicant of this.

Article 4.6. Anti-abuse provision

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If the applicant clearly has a purpose other than obtaining public information or if the request clearly does not concern an administrative matter, the administrative body may decide not to process the request within two weeks of receipt of the request, or without delay after it has become apparent that the applicant clearly has a purpose other than obtaining public information.

Article 4.7. Contact person

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To answer questions about the availability of public information, the administrative body shall appoint one or more contact persons.

Chapter 5. Exceptions

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- **1**Disclosure of information pursuant to this Act shall be prohibited to the extent that:
 - **a.**could endanger the unity of the Crown;
 - **b.**could harm the security of the State;
 - **c.**concerns business and manufacturing data communicated confidentially to the government by natural or legal persons;
 - **d.**personal data as referred to in [paragraph 3.1](#) or [paragraph 3.2 of the General Data Protection Regulation Implementation Act](#) , unless the data subject has given explicit consent to the disclosure of these personal data or these personal data have clearly been made public by the data subject;
 - **e.**numbers that serve to identify persons prescribed by law or general administrative measure as referred to in [Article 46 of the General Data Protection Regulation Implementation Act](#) , unless the provision clearly does not infringe privacy.
- **2**Disclosure of information will also be refrained from if its importance does not outweigh the following interests:
 - **a.**the relations of the Netherlands with other countries and states and with international organisations;
 - **b.**the economic or financial interests of the State, other public-law bodies or administrative bodies, in the case of environmental information only to the extent that the information relates to acts of a confidential nature;
 - **c.**the detection and prosecution of criminal offences;
 - **d.**the inspection, control and supervision by administrative bodies;
 - **e.**respect for personal privacy;
 - **f.**the protection of competition-sensitive business and manufacturing data other than those referred to in paragraph 1(c);
 - **g.**the protection of the environment to which this information relates;
 - **h.**the security of individuals and companies and the prevention of sabotage;
 - **i.**the proper functioning of the State, other public law bodies or administrative bodies.

- **3**If a request for disclosure is rejected on one of the grounds mentioned in the second paragraph, the decision shall contain an explicit explanation for this.
- **4**Disclosure may be temporarily withheld if the interest of the addressee of the information to be the first to take note of the information clearly requires this. The administrative body shall inform the applicant of the period within which disclosure will still take place.
- **5**In exceptional cases, disclosure of information other than environmental information may also be omitted if disclosure would cause disproportionate harm to an interest other than that referred to in the first or second paragraph and the general interest in disclosure does not outweigh this harm. The administrative body shall not base a decision to omit disclosure of any information on this ground with respect to the same information also on one of the grounds referred to in the first or second paragraph.
- **6**By way of exception to the first paragraph, part c, in the case of environmental information, the disclosure of information shall also be refrained from if this would seriously harm the interest referred to in the first paragraph, part c, and the general interest in the disclosure of information does not outweigh this harm.
- **7**The first and second paragraphs shall not apply to environmental information relating to emissions into the environment.

Article 5.2. Personal policy views

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- **1**In the event of a request for information from documents drawn up for internal deliberation, no information will be provided on personal policy views contained therein. Personal policy views are understood to mean official advice, visions, positions and considerations for internal deliberation, not being facts, forecasts, policy alternatives, the

consequences of a specific policy alternative or other components with a predominantly objective character.

- **2**The administrative body may provide information on personal policy views with a view to good and democratic governance in a form that cannot be traced back to individuals. If the person who expressed or supported these views has agreed to this, the information may be provided in a form that can be traced back to individuals.
- **3**Without prejudice to the first and second paragraphs, information on personal policy views in a form that cannot be traced back to individuals shall be provided from documents drawn up for the purpose of formal administrative decision-making by a minister, a King's Commissioner, the Provincial Executive, a deputy, the board of mayor and aldermen, a mayor and an alderman, unless the ability to conduct internal deliberations is disproportionately harmed.
- **4**By way of exception to the first paragraph, in the case of environmental information, the importance of protecting personal policy views is weighed against the importance of disclosure. Information on personal policy views may be provided in a form that cannot be traced back to individuals. If the person who expressed or supported these views has agreed to this, the information may be provided in a form that can be traced back to individuals.

Article 5.3. Information older than five years

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In the event of a request for information that is older than five years, the administrative body shall, if it refuses to provide such information, provide reasons why the interests referred to in [Article 5.1, second or fifth paragraph](#) , or [Article 5.2](#) outweigh the general interest in publicity, despite the passage of time.

Article 5.4. Formation

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By way of exception to [Articles 5.1](#) and [5.2](#) , information held by the formateur or the informant, or information sent to the formateur or the informant by an administrative body, shall not be made public until the formation has been completed.

Article 5.4a. Support for members of parliament, provincial council members and council members

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- 1By way of exception to [Articles 5.1](#) and [5.2](#) , information concerning the support of individual members of the Senate or the House of Representatives of the States General, the Provincial Council or the Municipal Council by civil servants employed by the Senate or the House of Representatives, the Provincial Council Secretariat or the Municipal Council Secretariat shall not be made public.

- **2**By way of exception to [Article 5.2, first paragraph](#) , with regard to information provided to individual Members of Parliament, personal policy views shall be understood to mean official advice, visions, positions and considerations for the purpose of internal deliberation.

Article 5.5. Provision of information concerning the applicant

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- **1**Without prejudice to other statutory provisions, an administrative body shall provide any natural or legal person, at the request of the latter, with information relating to the applicant contained in documents, unless an interest referred to in [Article 5.1, paragraph 1, subparagraphs a, b and c, and d and e](#) , insofar as it relates to third parties, is at issue or an interest referred to in Article 5.1, paragraph 2 or 5, or [Article 5.2](#) outweighs the applicant's interest in access to information relating to him. In his request, the applicant shall state the matter or the document relating thereto about which he wishes to receive information.
- **2**The first paragraph applies mutatis mutandis to a request relating to data concerning a deceased spouse, registered partner, child or parent of the applicant, unless a written will of the deceased prevents the provision.
- **3**The administrative body shall ensure that the identity of the applicant is properly established.
- **4**The administrative body may attach conditions to the provision in order to protect one of the interests referred to in [Articles 5.1](#) and [5.2](#) , unless the requested information would be public to everyone pursuant to Articles 5.1 and 5.2.

Article 5.6. Provision of non-public information for compelling reasons

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- **1**In the event that information cannot be made public pursuant to [Articles 5.1](#) and [5.2](#) , the administrative body may decide to provide the information exclusively to the applicant if there are compelling reasons not to withhold the requested information from the applicant, despite the applicable ground or grounds for exception.
- **2**The first paragraph shall only apply to the extent that it does not conflict with an applicable duty of confidentiality.
- **3**The administrative body may attach conditions to the provision in order to protect one of the interests referred to in [Articles 5.1](#) and [5.2](#) .

Article 5.7. Access to non-public information for research purposes

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- **1**An administrative body may provide access to information for the purpose of historical, statistical, scientific or journalistic research:
 - **a.**which cannot be made public pursuant to [Articles 5.1](#) and [5.2](#) ; or
 - **b.**the determination of whether such information may be made public pursuant to [Articles 5.1](#) and [5.2 would require a disproportionate effort.](#)
- **2**The administrative body may attach conditions to the granting of access.
- **3**Access to information in accordance with the first paragraph shall in any event be granted on the condition that the person to whom access is granted shall not further disseminate the information obtained without a prior decision by the administrative body in which the information is made public in accordance with [Articles 5.1](#) and [5.2](#) .

Chapter 6. Digital information management

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Article 6.1. Purpose

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The administrative body shall take measures to ensure that the digital documents referred to in [Article 2.4, first paragraph](#) , are permanently accessible.

Article 6.2. Multi-year plan

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- **1**Our Minister, in consultation with Our Minister of Education, Culture and Science, shall send a multi-year plan to the States General on the manner in which administrative bodies make their digital government information sustainably accessible.
- **2**The multi-year plan contains long-term goals for improving the way in which digital documents are created, organised, stored, destroyed and made accessible, as well as the steps that will be taken to achieve this in the short term.
- **3**The multi-year plan provides for steps to ensure that everyone has as much insight as possible into the presence of public information with a body, person or board as referred to in [Article 2.2, first paragraph](#) .
- **4**Our Minister, in consultation with Our Minister of Education, Culture and Science, will supplement the multi-year plan with the necessary measures until digital government information is sufficiently sustainably accessible.

Chapter 7. The Advisory Committee on Transparency and Information Management

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Article 7.1. Advisory Board on Transparency and Information Management

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- **1**There is an Advisory Board on Transparency and Information Management.
- **2**The board consists of a chairman and a maximum of four other members.
- **3**The appointment of the members by Royal Decree shall take place on the recommendation of Our Minister, in consultation with Our Minister of Education, Culture and Science.
- **4**Articles [13](#) , [16](#) and [19 of the Framework Act on Independent Administrative Bodies](#) apply accordingly.

Article 7.2. Tasks

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- **1**The board advises the government and both Houses of the States General, both solicited and unsolicited, on the implementation of the rules on the disclosure of public information.
- **2**The board advises Our Minister periodically on the adjustment of the multi-year plan. In its advice, the board reports in any case on the status of information management in the administration, the progress of the implementation of the multi-year plan and the access to public information.
- **3**The board is asked for advice on proposals for legislation and draft general administrative measures that relate in whole or in large part to the disclosure and access to public information.
- **4**The board advises the administrative body concerned, in response to complaints submitted to the board by journalists, scientists or other groups that the board deems eligible and have a professional interest in the use of public information, on the manner in which that administrative body makes public information public.
- **5**The board promotes the application of this law, including by:
 - **a.**providing information to administrative bodies and others;
 - **b.**training persons employed by bodies responsible for implementing the disclosure of public information;
 - **c.**monitoring, investigating and reporting on the disclosure of public information in general or by specific bodies in particular;
 - **d.**the publication of guidelines to promote voluntary disclosure and access to information.

Article 7.3. Mediation

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- **1**Before issuing an opinion as referred to in [Article 7.2, fourth paragraph](#) , [the board shall mediate between the administrative body and the complainant. The administrative body shall cooperate in the mediation.](#)
- **2**If the complaint also concerns a decision under this Act against which an objection may be lodged, the period for lodging an objection, referred to in [Article 6:7 of the General Administrative Law Act](#) , shall be suspended until the board has issued advice or has informed the complainant and the administrative body that no advice will be issued. The suspension of the objection period commences on the day after the complainant has sent the complaint to the board.
- **3**If the complainant objects to the decision referred to in the second paragraph, the administrative body shall decide, in deviation from [Article 7:10, first paragraph, of the General Administrative Law Act](#), within two weeks after the board has issued advice or has informed the complainant and the administrative body that no advice will be issued.
- **4**By general administrative measure, further rules may be laid down regarding the manner in which complaints are submitted and the manner in which the board mediates between the administrative body and the complainant as referred to in the first paragraph.

Article 7.4. Duty to provide information

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An administrative body shall, upon request, provide the board with all the information it needs for its task.

Article 7.5. Confidentiality

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- **1**The members of the board and the officials of its office are obliged to maintain confidentiality insofar as they have access to documents under this Act that have not been made public by the administrative body from which they originate.
- **2**To the extent that a request addressed to the board under this Act relates to information provided to the board by an administrative body, the board shall forward the request to the administrative body for processing.

Chapter 8. Other provisions

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Article 8.1. Penal provision

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- **1** Violation of a condition attached to a supply pursuant to [Article 5.5, paragraph 4](#) , [Article 5.6, paragraph 3](#) , or [Article 5.7, paragraph 2 or 3](#) , shall be punishable by a prison sentence of not more than one year or a fine in the fourth category.
- **2** The act punishable in the first paragraph is a criminal offence.

Article 8.2. No penalty for failure to decide in a timely manner

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[Section 4.1.3.2 of the General Administrative Law Act](#) does not apply to decisions based on this Act and to decisions on objections to these decisions.

Article 8.4. Appeal in case of failure to decide in a timely manner

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- **1**In the event of a well-founded appeal against the failure to take a timely decision under this Act or a decision on an objection to such a decision, where no decision has yet been announced, the administrative court shall, if the scope of the request gives reason to do so, determine, in deviation from [Article 8:55d, first paragraph, of the General Administrative Law Act](#), the period within which the administrative body shall still announce a decision.
- **2**If the administrative court finds that the failure to take a decision in a timely manner is clearly the result of the manner in which the request was submitted and no decision has yet been announced, the administrative court shall, if the request gives reason to do so, determine, in deviation from [Article 8:55d, first paragraph, of the General Administrative Law Act](#), a longer period within which the administrative body shall still announce a decision.
- **3**The administrative court may disregard [the first paragraph of Article 8:74 of the General Administrative Law Act](#) and may refrain from issuing an award of costs on the basis of the first paragraph of Article 8:75 of the [General Administrative Law Act](#) if the person lodging the appeal, given the scope of the request, has not sufficiently cooperated in reaching agreement on:

- **a.** a suspension of the decision period as referred to in [Article 4:15, paragraph 2, section a, of the General Administrative Law Act](#) ; or
- **b.** further postponement of the decision period referred to in [Article 7:10, fourth paragraph, part a or b, of the General Administrative Law Act](#) .
- **4** The administrative judge may also disregard [Article 8:74, first paragraph, of the General Administrative Law Act](#) and refrain from [issuing an award of costs on the basis of Article 8:75, first paragraph, of the General Administrative Law Act](#) if he finds that the failure to take a decision in a timely manner is clearly the result of the manner in which the request was submitted.

Article 8.5. Order subject to penalty payment

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The administrative body is authorised to impose a penalty payment order to enforce [Article 4.2, paragraph 2](#) .

Article 8.6. Costs

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- **1**The disclosure of information under this Act shall be free of charge.
- **2**For the production of copies of documents, an administrative body may charge a reasonable fee, which shall not exceed the cost price of the information carriers provided.
- **3**On the recommendation of Our Minister, rules may be established by or pursuant to general administrative measures with regard to the second paragraph.

Article 8.7. Implementation rules

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On the recommendation of Our Minister, rules may be established by or pursuant to general administrative measures regarding the manner in which an administrative body organises the implementation of this Act.

Article 8.8. Relationship with other laws

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Articles [3.1](#) , [3.3](#) , [4.1](#) , [5.1, first, second and fifth paragraphs](#) , and [5.2](#) do not apply to information to which a provision applies that is included in the [Annex](#) to this Act.

Article 8.9. Evaluation provision

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- **1**Within five years of the entry into force of this Act, Our Minister shall send a report to the States General on the effectiveness and effects of this Act in practice.
- **2**In any case, this evaluation will address the question of whether it is necessary to appoint an Information Commissioner.

Chapter 9. Amendment of any laws

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Article 9.1. Amendment of [the National Ombudsman Act](#)

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Article 9.2. Amendment [of the Council of State Act](#)

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Article 9.3. Amendment of [the General Administrative Law Act](#)

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Article 9.4. Amendment of [the Banking Act 1998](#)

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Article 9.5. Amendment [of the Financial Supervision Act](#)

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[Ed: Amends the Financial Supervision Act.]

Article 9.6. Amendment [to the Compulsory Participation in an Industry-wide Pension Fund Act 2000](#)

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Article 9.7. Amendment [to the Accounting Act 2016](#)

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Article 9.8. Amendment of [the Environmental Management Act](#)

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Article 9.13. Amendment of [the Municipal Act](#)

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Article 9.14. Amendment [of the Mining Act](#)

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Article 9.15. Amendment of [the Provincial Act](#)

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Article 9.17. Amendment [to the Intelligence and Security Services Act 2017](#)

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Article 9.18. Amendment [to the Implementation Act of the EC Directive on Spatial Information Infrastructure](#)

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[Ed: Amends the Implementation Act EC Directive Spatial Information Infrastructure.]

Article 9.19. Amendment of [the Water Board Act](#)

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Article 9.20. Amendment [of the Joint Arrangements Act](#)

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Article 9.21. Amendment [to the Working Conditions Act](#)

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Article 9.22. Amendment to [the Drinking Water Act](#)

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Article 9.23. Amendment of [the Health Act](#)

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Article 9.24. Amendment [to the Framework Act on Independent Administrative Bodies](#)

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Article 9.25. Amendment [to the Pensions Act](#)

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Article 9.29. Amendment to [the Large-Scale Topography Basic Registration Act](#)

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Article 9.30. Amendment [to the Basic Registrations of Addresses and Buildings Act](#)

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Article 9.31. Amendment to [the Act on the Promotion of Integrity Assessments by the Public Administration](#)

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[Ed: Amends the Act on the Promotion of Integrity Assessments by the Public Administration.]

Article 9.32. Amendment of [the Soil Protection Act](#)

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Article 9.33. Amendment to [the Political Parties Financing Act](#)

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Article 9.34. Amendment to [the Justice Subsidies Act](#)

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Article 9.35. Amendment [to the Health Care Market Regulation Act](#)

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[Editor: Amends the Health Care Market Regulation Act.]

Article 9.36. Amendment [to the Client Participation in Healthcare Institutions Act](#)

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[Editor: Amends the Client Participation in Healthcare Institutions Act.]

Article 9.38. Amendment [of the Judiciary Organisation Act](#)

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Article 9.39. Amendment [of the Financial Supervision Act](#)

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[Ed: Amends the Financial Supervision Act.]

Article 9.40. Amendment of [the Passenger Transport Act 2000](#)

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[Editor: Amends the Passenger Transport Act 2000.]

Article 9.41. Amendment to [the Accountancy Organisations Supervision Act](#)

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Article 9.42. Amendment of [the Securities Supervision Act 1995](#)

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[Editor: Amends the Securities Supervision Act 1995.]

Article 9.43. Amendment to [the Safety Regions Act](#)

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[Editor: Amends the Safety Regions Act.]

Article 9.44. Amendment to [the Compulsory Occupational Pension Scheme Act](#)

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[Editor: Amends the Compulsory Occupational Pension Scheme Act.]

Article 9.45. Amendment of [the Code of Civil Procedure](#)

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[Ed: Amends the Code of Civil Procedure.]

Article 9.47. Amendment [to the Housing Act](#)

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[Ed: Amends the Housing Act.]

Article 9.48. Amendment [to the Public Entities Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba Act](#)

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[Ed: Amends the Public Entities Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba Act.]

Article 9.49. Amendment [to the BES Financial Markets Act](#)

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[Editor: Amends the BES Financial Markets Act.]

Article 9.50. [Parliamentary Inquiry Act 2008](#)

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Article 9.51. [Archives Act 1995](#)

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[Editor: Amends the Archives Act 1995.]

Article 9.52. Amendment of [the Consumer and Markets Authority Establishment Act](#)

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[Ed: Amends the Consumer and Markets Authority Establishment Act.]

Article 9.53. Amendment of [the Youth Act](#)

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[Ed: Amends the Youth Act.]

Article 9.53a. Amendment to [the Social Support Act 2015](#)

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[Ed: Amends the Social Support Act 2015.]

Article 9.56. Concurrence of the initiative bill on the Accessibility and Availability of Basic Payment Services Act (29 688)

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[Ed: Amends the Accessibility and Availability of Basic Payment Services Act.]

Article 9.60. Amendment [of the Telecommunications Act](#)

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[Ed: Amends the Telecommunications Act.]

Article 9.62. Amendment [to the Act on Combating Sham Constructions](#)

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[Editor: Amends the Act on Combating Sham Constructions.]

Article 9.63. Amendment of [the Environmental Act](#)

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[Editor: Amends the Environmental Act.]

Article 9.64. Amendment of [Book 6 of the Civil Code](#)

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[Ed: Amends Book 6 of the Civil Code.]

Article 9.65. Amendment to [the Basic Subsurface Registration Act](#)

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[Editor: Amends the Basic Subsurface Registration Act.]

Article 9.66. Amendment to [the Financial Reporting Supervision Act](#)

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[Ed: Amends the Financial Reporting Supervision Act.]

Article 9.67. Amendment [to the SZW Omnibus Act 2019](#)

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[Editor: Amends the SZW Omnibus Act 2019.]

Article 9.68. Amendment [of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act](#)

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[Ed: Amends the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act.]

Article 9.69. Amendment [of the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research Act](#)

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[Ed: Amends the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research Act.]

Article 9.70. Amendment of [the TNO Act](#)

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[Editor: Amends the TNO Act.]

Article 9.71. Concurrence of [the Education Participants Register Act](#)

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Article 9.72. Amendment to [the Education and Vocational Training Act](#)

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[Editor: Amends the Education and Vocational Training Act.]

Article 9.73. Amendment of the Secondary Education Act

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[Ed: Amends the Secondary Education Act.]

Article 9.74. Amendment of the Decree on administrative bodies WNo and Wob

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[Editor: Amends the Decree on administrative bodies WNo and Wob.]

Chapter 10. Final provisions

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Article 10.1. Repeal of [the Government Information \(Public Access\) Act](#)

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The [Government Information \(Public Access\) Act](#) is repealed.

Article 10.2. Transitional law on active disclosure

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- **1**By temporary regulation of Our Minister it will be determined which parts of [Article 3.3, first and second paragraph](#) , do not apply to administrative bodies designated in that regulation for a period specified in that regulation.
- **2**Our Minister may make a temporary regulation stipulating that:
 - **a.**for administrative bodies designated in that regulation, for a period specified in that regulation, in deviation from [Article 3.3, fourth or fifth paragraph](#) , a different period applies within which the publication takes place in parts of Article 3.3, first and second paragraph, designated in that regulation, or
 - **b.**for administrative bodies designated in that regulation for a period specified in that regulation, the type of decisions designated in that regulation as referred to in [Article 3.3, paragraph 2, section k](#) , the obligation to publish already applies or does not yet apply.

Article 10.2a. Transitional law existing documents

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The obligation to disclose contained in [Article 3.3, first and second paragraphs](#) , does not apply to documents that were established or received before this obligation became applicable to the administrative body in which the documents are held.

Article 10.2b. Transitional law advice Council of State

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- **1**Until [Article 3.3, paragraph 2, section e](#) , has entered into force, the Advisory Division of the Council of State shall ensure the publication of:
 - **a.**advice from the Advisory Department, requested by Us;
 - **b.**advice as referred to in [Article 21 of the Council of State Act](#) ;
 - **c.**information on matters of legislation and administration as referred to in [Article 21a of the Council of State Act](#) .
- **2**[Article 3.3, paragraph 4](#) , applies unless Our Minister directly concerned has requested the application of Article 3.3, paragraph 5, sub a.

Article 10.2c. Transitional law DNB and AFM

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For three years after the entry into force of [Article 9.74](#) , [Article 1](#), opening words and [parts b and c, of the Administrative Bodies Decree WNo and Wob](#) , as it read at the time immediately preceding the entry into force of Article 9.74, shall continue to apply mutatis mutandis to requests for information that are held at that time by De Nederlandsche Bank NV or the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets.

Article 10.2d. Concurrence of [Article 10.2b](#) and the Kingdom Disputes Act

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Article 10.2f. Repealed [Chapter 6](#)

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- **1**[Chapter 6](#) shall lapse by Royal Decree, provided that the proposal for that Royal Decree shall not be made earlier than four weeks after the draft has been submitted to both Houses of the States General.
- **2**With effect from the date on which [Chapter 6](#) lapses, [Article 7.2, paragraph 2](#) , shall read as follows:
- **2**The board advises Our Minister on the status of information management in the administration and access to public information.

Article 10.2g. Expired [Article 10.2e](#)

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Article 10.3. Entry into force

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- 1This Act, with the exception of [Article 3.3, first and second paragraphs](#) , shall enter into force on the first day of the seventh calendar month following the date of issue of the Government Gazette in which it is published.
- 2[Article 3.3, first and second paragraphs](#) , shall enter into force on a date to be determined by Royal Decree, which may vary for parts thereof.

Article 10.4. Citation title

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This Act may be cited as: Open Government Act.

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Articles [3.1](#) , [3.3](#) , [4.1](#) , [5.1, first, second and fifth paragraphs](#) , and [5.2](#) of the Open Government Act do not apply to the extent that the following provisions apply.

- [Public Procurement Act 2012](#) : [Articles 2.53, third paragraph](#) , insofar as disclosure of information would harm the legitimate economic interests of an undertaking, [2.57, first paragraph](#) , insofar as it concerns information designated as confidential by the entrepreneur, [2.57, second paragraph](#), insofar as the information could be used to distort competition, [2.138, parts b, c and d](#) , and [2.163](#)
- [Defence and Security Procurement Act](#) : [Articles 2.36, third paragraph](#) , insofar as disclosure of information would harm the legitimate economic interests of an undertaking, [2.41, first paragraph](#) , insofar as it concerns information designated as confidential by the undertaking, [2.41, second paragraph](#), insofar as the information could be used to distort competition, [2.95, parts b, c and d](#) , and [2.127, parts b, c and d](#) ,
- [Dutch Advocates Act](#) : [Articles 8](#) , [8a](#) , [8b](#) and [45a](#)
- [General Administrative Law Act](#) : [Articles 3:11](#) , [3:44](#) , insofar as they relate to the inspection of documents other than decisions, [8:79](#) , insofar as documents held by the administrative body have been drawn up as procedural documents, [9:36, fifth paragraph](#) , and [9:36a](#) , insofar as the documents are held by the ombudsman
- [General Act on State Taxes](#) : [Article 67](#)
- [Working Conditions Act](#) : [Articles 7](#) and [26](#)
- [Working Hours Act](#) : [Article 8:4](#)
- [Archives Act 1995](#) : [Articles 14 to 17](#)
- [Banking Act 1998](#) : [Article 20](#)
- [Publication Act](#) : [Article 13](#)
- [Civil Code](#) : [Articles 457](#) and [458 of Book 7](#)
- [Accountability Act 2016](#) , [Chapter 7, Section 5](#) , insofar as the documents are held by the General Audit Office
- [Customs and Excise Act BES](#) : [article 2.156](#)
- [Electricity Act 1998](#) : [Articles 7](#) and [78](#)
- [Gas Act](#) : [article 1h](#)

- [Municipal Act](#) : [Articles 23, fourth, fifth and sixth paragraph](#) , [60, third paragraph](#) , [61c](#) , [87](#) , [88](#) , [89](#) and [185, fifth paragraph](#)
- [Medicines Act](#) : [Article 100, paragraph 6](#) , insofar as prescriptions have been issued to a designated supervisory authority in deviation from [Article 5:20, paragraph 2, of the General Administrative Law Act](#) , in respect of which the healthcare professional concerned is obliged to maintain confidentiality by virtue of his profession
- [Bailiffs Act](#) : [Article 1a](#)
- [Health Act](#) : [Article 39, paragraph 1, section b](#) , insofar as personal data have been provided to a designated supervisory authority in deviation from [Article 5:20, paragraph 2, of the General Administrative Law Act](#) in respect of which the professional concerned is obliged to maintain confidentiality by virtue of his profession
- [Trade Register Act 2007](#) : [Articles 21, 22](#) , [23](#) and [28](#)
- [Implementation Act EC Directive Spatial Information Infrastructure](#) : [Articles 10, fourth paragraph](#) , and [11](#)
- [Consumer and Markets Authority Establishment Act](#) : [Articles 7](#) , [12u](#) , [12v](#) and [12w](#)
- [Implementation and Amendment Act Financial Supervision Act](#) : [Article 13](#)
- [Collection Act 1990](#) : [Article 67](#)
- [Youth Act](#) : [Article 9.2, third paragraph](#) , insofar as personal data have been provided to a designated supervisory authority in deviation from [Article 5:20, second paragraph, of the General Administrative Law Act](#) , in respect of which the professional concerned is obliged to maintain confidentiality by virtue of his profession
- [Land Registry Act](#) : [Chapter 7](#)
- [Nuclear Energy Act](#) : [Article 68](#)
- [Electoral Act](#) : [Articles I 3](#) , [I 17](#) , [I 19](#) , [M 8](#) , [N 12](#) , [O 4](#) , [O 5](#) , [P 23](#) , [P 25](#) , [S 15](#) , [U 16](#) , [U 18](#) and [Y 17a](#)
- [Participation Act](#) : [Article 65](#)
- [Pensions Act](#) : [Articles 164](#) , [185](#) , [191](#) and [203 to 208](#)
- [BES Pension Act](#) : [Article 28](#)
- [Pension and Savings Funds Act](#) , as it read on 31 December 2006: [Article 20a](#)
- [Provincial Act](#) : [Articles 23, fourth, fifth and sixth paragraph](#) , [60, third paragraph](#) , [61c](#) , [84](#) , [85](#) , [86](#) , and [186, fifth paragraph](#)

- [Registration Act 1970 : Article 10](#)
- [Dutch Safety Board Act : Article 59, fifth paragraph](#) , insofar as the documents are in the possession of the Safety Board, have been provided by the Safety Board to another administrative body, or have been drawn up by another administrative body for the purpose of an investigation instituted by the Safety Board
- [Sanctions Act 1977 : Articles 10g and 10h](#)
- [Telecommunications Act : Article 11a.2, third paragraph](#)
- [TNO Act : Article 36](#)
- [Cybersecurity Regulation Implementation Act : Articles 2, paragraph 2 , 3, paragraph 3 , 4, paragraph 6 , and 5, paragraph 7](#)
- [Water Board Act : Articles 35, fourth and fifth paragraphs , 55b , 55c and 55d](#)
- [Road Traffic Act 1994 : Article 43](#)
- [General Provisions Citizen Service Number Act : Articles 9 and 11, first paragraph](#) , and section 4.2
- [Basic Registration of Addresses and Buildings Act : Article 32](#)
- [Large-scale Topography Basic Registration Act : Article 22](#)
- [Basic Subsurface Registration Act: Article 24](#)
- [Personal Records Database Act : Articles 2.54 , 2.55 , 2.81, first and third paragraphs , Chapter 3 and paragraph 4.2.1](#)
- [Whistleblower Protection Act : Articles 1a , 3i , 3k, fourth paragraph , 6, second paragraph , and 17, seventh and eighth paragraph](#) , insofar as the information is held by the House for Whistleblowers
- [Act on compulsory participation in an occupational pension scheme](#) , as it read on 31 December 2005: [Article 18b](#)
- [Network and Information Systems Security Act : Articles 20, seventh paragraph , 21, sixth paragraph , and 22, second paragraph](#)
- [Digital Resilience Promotion Act for Businesses : Article 4, paragraph 4](#)
- [Act on the Promotion of Integrity Assessments by the Public Administration : Articles 20 and 28, paragraph 2](#)
- [Legal Entities Control Act : Section 4](#)
- [Artificial Insemination Donor Data Act : Article 10, paragraph 2](#) , insofar as data have been provided to a designated supervisory authority in deviation from [Article 5:20, paragraph 2, of the General Administrative](#)

Law Act , in respect of which the professional concerned is obliged to maintain confidentiality by virtue of his profession

- [•Education and Vocational Training Act : Article 1.5.3, fifth paragraph](#)
- [•Foreign Financial Relations Act 1994 : Article 8](#)
- [•Financial Markets Act BES : Articles 1:20 and 1:21](#)
- [•Political Parties Financing Act : Article 25, fourth, fifth and sixth paragraphs](#)
- [•Consumer Protection Enforcement Act : Article 2.24](#) , insofar as the documents are held by the Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets
- [•Judicial and Criminal Records Act : Titles 2 to 3b](#)
- [•Childcare Act : Article 1.57d](#)
- [•Healthcare Quality, Complaints and Disputes Act :](#)
 - 1. [Articles 9, seventh paragraph](#) , and [23](#) , insofar as the healthcare institution operates under the responsibility of an administrative body
 - 2. [Articles 24, paragraph 4](#) , and [25, paragraph 3](#) , to the extent that data or files have been provided to a designated supervisory authority in deviation from [Article 5:20, paragraph 2, of the General Administrative Law Act](#) , in respect of which the professional concerned is obliged to maintain confidentiality by virtue of his profession
- [•Long-term Care Act : Article 10.4.1, paragraph 2](#) , insofar as files have been provided to a designated supervisory authority in deviation from [Article 5:20, paragraph 2, of the General Administrative Law Act](#) , in respect of which the professional concerned is obliged to maintain confidentiality by virtue of his profession
- [•Aviation Act : Articles 7.1 and 10.19](#)
- [•Social Support Act 2015 : Articles 4.3.1, second paragraph](#) , and [6.1, third paragraph](#) , insofar as personal data have been provided to a designated supervisory authority in deviation from [Article 5:20, second paragraph, of the General Administrative Law Act](#) , in respect of which the professional concerned is obliged to maintain confidentiality by virtue of his profession
- [•Collective Dismissal Notification Act : Article 8](#)
- [•Unusual Transactions Reporting Act](#) , as it read on 31 July 2008: [Article 18](#)
- [•Individual Healthcare Professions Act : Article 87, paragraph 2](#) , insofar as personal data have been provided to a designated supervisory

authority in deviation from [Article 5:20, paragraph 2, of the General Administrative Law Act](#) , in respect of which the professional concerned is obliged to maintain confidentiality by virtue of his profession

- [Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research Act](#) : [Article 3a](#)
- [Parliamentary Inquiry Act 2008](#) : [Chapter 8](#) , insofar as the documents are in the possession of the committee referred to in [Article 2, paragraph 2, of that Act](#) or, with effect from the day on which the inquiry is concluded, are in the possession of the First Chamber, the Second Chamber or the joint session of the States General;
- [Statistics Netherlands Act](#) : [Articles 37](#) and [39 to 42a](#)
- [Financial Supervision Act](#) : [Article 1:42](#) and [Section 1.5.1](#)
- [Higher Education and Scientific Research Act](#) : [Article 1.25](#)
- [Notary Act](#) : [Article 5](#)
- [Education Supervision Act](#) : [Article 6, fourth, sixth and seventh paragraphs](#)
- [Open Government Act](#): [Articles 3.3, fifth paragraph, parts a and b](#) , [4.2, third paragraph](#) , [5.4a](#) and [7.5](#) , insofar as the documents are held by the Advisory Committee on Transparency and Information Management
- [Foreign Children for Adoption Act](#) : [Articles 17e](#) and [17f](#)
- [Passenger Transport Act 2000](#) : [Article 46, third paragraph](#)
- [Police Data Act](#) : [Articles 3, third paragraph](#) , and [7](#)
- [Education Participants Register Act](#) : [Articles 5](#) and [11](#) and [paragraphs 2.3](#) and [2.4](#)
- [Work and Income Implementation Agency Structure Act](#) : [Articles 74](#) and [75](#)
- [Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Prevention\) Act](#) : [Articles 22](#) and [23](#)
- [BES Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Prevention\) Act](#) : [Article 1.5](#)
- [Accountancy Organisations Supervision Act](#) : [Article 43](#) and [Chapters 5a](#) , [5b](#) and [5c](#)
- [Securities Supervision Act 1995](#) : [Articles 31](#) , [40](#) and [48a](#)
- [Financial Reporting Supervision Act](#) : [Articles 2](#) , [3](#) and [20](#)
- [Trust Offices Supervision Act 2018](#): Chapter 7
- [Accountants Disciplinary Law Act](#) : [Articles 21e](#) and [29a](#)

- [Safety Regions Act](#) : [Article 49](#)
- [Compulsory Occupational Pension Scheme Act](#) : [Articles 159](#) , 180 and [197 to 202](#)
- [Compulsory Participation in an Industry-wide Pension Fund Act 2000](#) : [Article 17, paragraph 2](#) , in conjunction with [Article 204 of the Pensions Act](#)
- [Compulsory Mental Health Care Act](#) : [Article 13.1, third paragraph](#) , insofar as the file has been provided to a designated supervisor in deviation from [Article 5:20, second paragraph, of the General Administrative Law Act](#) , in respect of which the professional concerned is obliged to maintain confidentiality by virtue of his profession
- [Secondary Education Act 2020](#) : [Article 2.105, eighth paragraph](#)
- [Mental Health and Compulsion Act for Psychogeriatric and Intellectually Disabled Clients](#) : [Article 60, third paragraph](#) , insofar as the file has been provided to a designated supervisor in deviation from [Article 5:20, second paragraph, of the General Administrative Law Act](#) , in respect of which the professional concerned is obliged to maintain confidentiality by virtue of his profession
- [Code of Civil Procedure](#) : [Article 29](#) , insofar as documents held by the administrative body have been drawn up as procedural documents
- [Code of Criminal Procedure](#) : [Articles 30](#) , [257h, second paragraph](#) , [365, fourth and fifth paragraphs](#) , and [415](#) in conjunction with [365, fourth and fifth paragraphs](#)
- [Health Insurance Act](#) : [Article 93](#)