

Local Government's Poor Budgetary Information; Regional Losses in the 2011 Financial Year, 2,135 cases valued at Rp 1.2 trillion

The budget is still seen as taboo, as something that only a few people should be entitled to know about. However, the budget is public information that must be made available to the public and announced periodically.

Based on Instruction No.188.52/1797/SJ from the Ministry for Internal Affairs in 2012 on "Increased Transparency of Local Budget Management", local governments are required to provide a special channel for "Budget Management Transparency, within which the following 12 budget documents must be published:

1. A synopsis of RKA SKPD
2. A synopsis of RKA PPKD
3. A local government plan for APBD
4. A local government amendment plan for APBD
5. Local government APBD
6. Local government amendments of APBD
7. A synopsis of DPA SKPD
8. A synopsis of DPA PPKD
9. A budget outcomes report (LRA) of all SKPD
10. A budget outcomes report (LRA) of LRA PPKD
11. LKPD audit
12. Opinion of BPK-RI on LKPD

Other than the above 12 budget documents, local governments as a public body must also publish information on the procurement of goods and services, profile information consisting of the address of the local government's office, its working structure as well as public information on its services. The publishing of such information is mandated in Article 9, UU 14/2008 on KIP as well as in Article 11 of the Central Information Commission's Regulations No. 1 2010 on "Standards of Public Information Services" (SPIP).