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CANDIDACY AGE

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VOTING AGE

MAJORITY AGE

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

Share of labour force aged 15-24 available and seeking employment

Tobacco use

Consumed any smokeless or smoking tobacco product at least once 30 days prior to the survey.

50.30%

58.30%

42.40%

Source: WHO

Year: 2010

Source: World Bank

Last updated: 7 March 2014
The Division of Youth within the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs is responsible for youth affairs and the development of youth programs. According to the national youth policy (2005), a Youth Policy Committee comprised of a number of ministerial and NGO representatives supported its development and is responsible for its implementation. However, a situation analysis (2008) noted that “in reality the Youth Office has limited capacity to oversee the policy” with only two staff members and no funding beyond salaries.

According to the official Facebook Page, the National Youth Council of Palau (NYCP) has elected youth offices and is designed to be “the focal body of all youths and young people of Palau.” The NYCP is a member of the regional Pacific Youth Council. According to a situation analysis (2008), a National Youth Congress, comprising of appointed youth representatives by the governor of each regional state, had previously existed but was currently non-functional due to no allocated funds.

BUDGET & SPENDING

According to the 2012 ROP Statistical Yearbook, the total expenditure of the Ministry of Community & Cultural Affairs in 2011 was USD 920,387. It is unclear what proportion of this was allocated to youth affairs. Palau uses the US dollar. According to the World Bank, Palau spent 7.27% of its GDP on education in 2002, but does not calculate what this translates to in terms of percentage of government expenditure.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND GDP

No Data

Source: World Bank

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

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