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Deputy Leader of the Legislative Council**

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TABLING OF 2019-20 ANNUAL REPORTS

Section 64 of the *Financial Management Act 2006* (the FMA) requires Ministers to lay before each House of Parliament, their agency's annual report and the opinion of the Auditor General within 90 days of the end of the financial year (i.e. by 28 September 2020). It is understood that, for practical purposes, the last date for tabling is 24 September 2020 for the 2019-20 annual reports.

I wish to advise that I will not be able to table in Parliament the 2019-20 annual report for the Western Australian Electoral Commission by 24 September 2020.

The Western Australian Electoral Commission's annual report and the opinion of the Auditor General will not be ready for tabling within the prescribed period, as the Office of the Auditor General has advised that the Western Australian Electoral Commission's financial audit was deferred. The Auditor General has advised that the delay was necessary due to the level of work involved in completion of scheduled audits for larger and higher priority entities.

It is anticipated the annual report for the Western Australian Electoral Commission will be tabled in both Houses of Parliament in October.

It is understood that you will inform each House of Parliament of the late submission on behalf of all affected Ministers with precedent set in 2017.

I hereby request you to inform both Houses of Parliament on my behalf of the late tabling of the above annual report no later than 24 September 2020 as required by section 65(1) of the FMA.

Thank you for facilitating this notification to Parliament on my behalf.

Yours sincerely

**Hon Stephen Dawson MLC
MINISTER FOR ELECTORAL AFFAIRS**