

Hon Dr Tony Buti MLA Minister for Finance; Lands; Sport & Recreation; Citizenship & Multicultural Interests

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Hon Mark McGowan MLA TREASURER

TABLING OF VENUESWEST 2020-21 ANNUAL REPORT

In accordance with section 65 of the *Financial Management Act 2006* (FMA), I wish to advise that I will not be able to table in Parliament the 2020-21 annual report for VenuesWest within the prescribed 90-day period after the end of the 2020-21 financial year, as required under section 64(1) of the FMA (i.e. by 28 September 2021).

The VenuesWest 2020-21 annual report and the opinion of the Auditor General will not be ready for tabling because of the loss of 12 days preparation time as a result of the last sitting date of Parliament in September 2021 being 16 September. The alternate tabling provisions of the FMA are unable to be effectively utilised in this circumstance for this year.

Additionally, the contractual obligations with Optus Stadium and RAC Arena with regards to audit processes, and the nature of VenuesWest's consolidated accounts, make the 16 September deadline difficult. The audited accounts for Optus Stadium and RAC Arena are yet to be brought in.

It is anticipated the annual report will be tabled in both Houses of Parliament on the next sitting date of 12 October 2021.

I herby request that the Treasurer cause the tabling of this notice in both Houses of Parliament no later than 16 September 2021.

Yours sincerely

Dr Tony Buti MLA

MINISTER FOR SPORT AND RECREATION

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