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2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT – DELAY TO TABLING

In accordance with section 65 of the *Financial Management Act 2006 (FMA)*, I wish to advise that I will be unable to table in Parliament the 2021-22 annual report for the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development within the prescribed 90-day period after the end of the 2021-22 financial year, as required under section 64(1) of the FMA (i.e. by 28 September 2022).

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) 2021-22 annual report and the opinion of the Auditor General will not be ready for tabling due to a delay in the completion of the audit by the Office of the Auditor General (OAG). The alternate tabling provisions of the FMA are unable to be effectively utilised in this circumstance for this year.

Due to the impacts of COVID-19 on DPIRD staff resources and reduced finance resource capacity in Western Australia, DPIRD was four weeks late in providing its financial statements to the OAG. They were provided on 14 August 2022.

The OAG has now advised that this will result in the audit being delayed by three months and is not expected to be finalised until the end of December 2022. I am advised that this is a result of the OAG prioritising its local government audit responsibilities.

It is anticipated that DPIRD's annual report will now be tabled in both Houses of Parliament on the first sitting date of the new parliamentary year.

I hereby request that the Treasurer cause the tabling of this notice in both Houses of Parliament no later than 22 September 2022.

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