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ANNUAL REPORTS — TABLING

Statement by Treasurer

MS R. SAFFIOTI (West Swan — Treasurer) [9.02 am]: I rise to inform the house about the late tabling of some 2022–23 annual reports. A number of agencies are unable to table their 2022–23 annual reports within the time frame required by the Financial Management Act 2006. Section 64 of the act requires ministers to table an agency's annual report, and the Auditor General's opinion, if applicable, within 90 days of the financial year's end, being 28 September. If a minister is unable to table an agency's annual report within the 90-day period, under section 65 of the act they are required to inform Parliament on or before the expiry of the 90 days of the minister's inability to do so, the reasons for that inability and the anticipated date on which the annual report will be tabled.

Following precedent set in 2017, these accountability requirements can be administratively achieved by tabling individual ministerial notifications in Parliament through one minister—the Treasurer in the Legislative Assembly, and the minister representing the Treasurer in the Legislative Council—on behalf of other ministers. Ministers have notified the Treasurer in writing of the agencies within their portfolios that are unable to table their annual report by 28 September, as well as the reasons for that inability and the anticipated date on which the annual report will be tabled. Therefore, in accordance with section 65 of the act, I now table the notifications provided by affected ministers.

[See papers <u>2331</u> to <u>2346</u>.]