

ANNUAL REPORTS — TABLING

Statement by Minister for Agriculture and Food

HON JACKIE JARVIS (South West — Minister for Agriculture and Food) [10.04 am]: On behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services, 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 about 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 paper [2617](#).]

Point of Order

Hon NEIL THOMSON: Is there an option to have those read into *Hansard* or are they just tabled?

The PRESIDENT: There is no point of order. The minister has tabled them.

Hon Martin Aldridge: Has she?

The PRESIDENT: Staff will circulate copies as soon as practical. Is the honourable member seeking further clarification?

Hon NEIL THOMSON: Yes, I am seeking clarification. Is there an option for the house to agree to the tabling as opposed to them being read into *Hansard*?

The PRESIDENT: No, there is no option, honourable member. They have not been read into *Hansard*; the list of each of the individual agencies will appear as a tabled document. However, the honourable member may wish to approach the minister to see whether a list may be provided to members in addition to the tabled document.

Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE: I have a further point of order. The minister just tabled documents and I understand that you accepted the tabling of those documents; however, I am not aware that the minister actually offered any documents for tabling. Can I just clarify whether documents are available for tabling, as the Council has accepted tabled papers?

The PRESIDENT: Thank you for your point of clarification, honourable member. I heard at the end of the minister’s statement that she was now tabling the documents.

Hon Donna Faragher: Where are they?

The PRESIDENT: Could I get some clarification? Minister, at the end of your statement, did you seek to table the documents?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS: Yes. My final statement was —

Therefore, in accordance with section 65 of the act, I now table the notifications provided by affected ministers.

Hon Tjorn Sibma: How many?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS: I did table them. They were on a clipboard. I put the clipboard on the top of my desk to table. They are now tabled.

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order! I know it is Thursday, but it is a little early to enter into cross-chamber chatter. The minister has tabled those documents, and those documents are tabled. The staff will be circulating those documents as soon as they possibly can. Speaking of papers for tabling, let us move on.