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Hon Michelle Roberts MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
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Dear Madame Speaker

**TABLING OF 2020-21 ANNUAL REPORTS – GAMING AND WAGERING
COMMISSION AND RACING PENALTIES APPEAL TRIBUNAL**

As stated in Section 65 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*, if a Minister is unable to cause the tabling of an annual report within the prescribed 90-day period following the end of the financial year, the Minister must inform both Houses of Parliament on or before that period.

In accordance with this, on 16 September 2021, on my behalf, the Treasurer advised both Houses of Parliament that both the Gaming and Wagering Commission (GWC) and the Racing Penalties Appeal Tribunal (RPAT) would be unable to meet the prescribed tabling deadline because of a loss of 12 days preparation time as a result of the last sitting date of Parliament in September 2021 being 16 September. A revised anticipated tabling date of 12 October 2021 was provided.

Since seeking this extension, I have been advised that the GWC and RPAT's 2020-21 Annual Reports and the opinions of the Auditor General will not be ready for tabling by this date due to delays arising from the audit process that are outside of the control of these organisations.

I wish to advise that it is now anticipated that these annual reports will be tabled in both Houses of Parliament on or before 11 November 2021.

Your sincerely



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MINISTER FOR RACING AND GAMING

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