



Office of the
Information Commissioner

Freedom of information for Western Australia

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Hon Michelle Roberts MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Parliament House
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Dear Madam Speaker

TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

In accordance with section 65 of the *Financial Management Act 2006 (FMA)* (as modified by Schedule 2 to that Act), I wish to advise that the Information Commissioner will not be able to submit for tabling in Parliament the 2022/23 annual report for the Office of the Information Commissioner (**OIC**) within the prescribed period – that is, by 28 September 2023 – as required under section 64(1) of the FMA (as modified by Schedule 2 to that Act).

The OIC's 2022/23 annual report and the opinion of the Auditor General will not be ready for submission because the last sitting date of Parliament in September 2023 is 21 September 2023, and Parliament is not scheduled to resume until 10 October 2023. The alternate tabling provision of the FMA are unable to be effectively utilised in this particular circumstance for this year.

I anticipate that the OIC's annual report and Auditor General's opinion will be submitted to Parliament on the next available sitting date on 10 October 2023.

This late submission will also include the OIC's report to Parliament on the operations of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* (required under section 111(5) of that Act), which has traditionally been provided to the Parliament as part of the OIC's annual report.

Yours faithfully

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