



**Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services;
Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering**

Our ref: 77-10158

**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA
TREASURER**

2022-23 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 2022-23 Annual Report for the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) within the prescribed 90-day period after the end of the 2022-23 financial year, as required under section 64(1) of the FMA (i.e. by 28 September 2023).

The Annual Report will not be ready for tabling due to a delay in finalising the financial audit with the Auditor General having advised of material deficiencies in DPIRD's financial statements. These matters are being addressed in liaison with the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) as a priority.

The OAG has advised of a revised audit plan which will see the audit opinion finalised by 27 October with an anticipated tabling date of the Annual Report in both Houses of Parliament on 14 November 2023.

The alternate tabling provisions of the FMA are unable to be effectively utilised in the circumstances for this year.

I hereby request that the Treasurer cause the tabling of this notice in both Houses of Parliament no later than 21 September 2023.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Punch'.

**HON DON PUNCH MLA
MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT; DISABILITY SERVICES;
FISHERIES; SENIORS AND AGEING; VOLUNTEERING**

31 August 2023