



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

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**HON MICHELLE ROBERTS MLA
SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
PARLIAMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT – FURTHER DELAY TO TABLING

In accordance with section 65 of the *Financial Management Act 2006 (FMA)*, the former Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food advised that the 2021-22 annual report for the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) would not be able to be tabled in Parliament within the prescribed 90-day period after the end of the 2021-22 financial year, as required under section 64(1) of the FMA (i.e., by 28 September 2022). The delays experienced by DPIRD when preparing its financial statements resulted in DPIRD being unable to meet its allocated Office of the Auditor General (OAG) audit window for 2021-22.

On 26 August 2022, the former Minister wrote to the Treasurer advising of further delays with the OAG audit and that it was anticipated that DPIRD's Annual Report would be tabled in both Houses of Parliament on the first sitting day of the 2023 parliamentary year.

The OAG subsequently deferred finalising its 2021-22 audit to allow DPIRD to be audit ready as well as ensure sufficient availability of OAG general staff resources. On 30 January 2023, the OAG resumed DPIRD's 2021-22 audit of financial statements and key performance indicators.

It is anticipated that DPIRD's annual report will now be tabled in both Houses of Parliament on 30 March 2023.

I hereby request the tabling of this notice in both Houses of Parliament no later than 15 February 2023.

**HON DON PUNCH MLA
MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT; DISABILITY SERVICES;
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