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Dear Mr President

DEFERRED TABLING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUTURE AND FOOD WESTERN AUSTRALIA 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

In accordance with section 65 of the *Financial Management Act (2006)*, I hereby advise that I will not be in a position to table the 2012 Annual Report for the Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia (DAFWA) by the due date of Thursday 27 September 2012.

DAFWA has not yet finalised its financial statements due primarily to:

- changes needed to the previous year's accounts as a result of various funds being deemed to be administered rather than controlled.
- discussions with and between the Department of Treasury and the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) in regard to accounting practices to be applied in regard to The Western Australian Agriculture Authority, the Industry Funding Schemes, the Australian Export Grains Innovation Centre and InterGrain Pty Ltd.

The significant number of changes needed to DAFWA's financial statements as a result of these adjustments means that DAFWA is not yet confident in the accuracy of the final report.

I expect to table the report in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday 16 October 2012.

I have similarly written to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly advising him of this deferment.

TERRY REDMAN MLA MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD