

2021

**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**Pursuant to Section 14 of the Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 2004 - Statement of
Reasons - Extension of time for presenting the 2020-21 Annual Reports**

**Presented by
Andrew Barr MLA
Chief Minister
September 2021**

Statement of the reasons

Extension of time for presenting the 2020-21 Annual Reports

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An extension to 2 December 2021.

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- Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development 2020-21 Annual Report, including:
 - ACT Executive 2020-21 Annual Report;
- Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission 2020-21 Annual Report;
- Major Projects Canberra 2020-21 Annual Report;
- City Renewal Authority 2020-21 Annual Report;
- State of the Service Report 2020-21; and
- Icon Water Limited 2020-21 Annual Report (Territory entity).

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Andrew Barr MLA
Treasurer
Minister for Climate Action
Minister for Economic Development
Minister for Tourism

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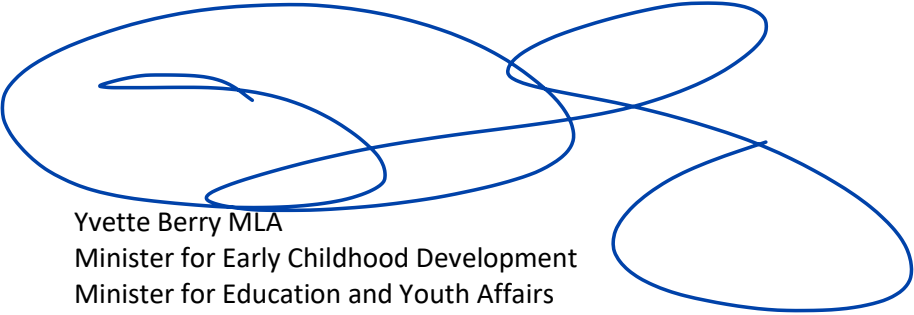
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- Community Services Directorate 2020-21 Annual Report, including Housing ACT;
- Education Directorate 2020-21 Annual Report, including:
 - ACT Teacher Quality Institute 2020-21 Annual Report;
 - Board of Senior Secondary Studies 2020-21 Annual Report;
- Suburban Land Agency 2020-21 Annual Report.

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Yvette Berry MLA
Minister for Early Childhood Development
Minister for Education and Youth Affairs
Minister for Housing and Suburban Development
Minister for Women
Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence
Minister for Sport and Recreation

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- Justice and Community Safety Directorate 2020-21 Annual Report, including:
 - Emergency Services Commissioner 2020-21 Annual Report;
- Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate 2020-21 Annual Report, including:
 - ACT Heritage Council 2020-21 Annual Report;
 - Conservator of Flora and Fauna 2020-21 Annual Report;
 - Energy Efficiency (Cost of Living) Improvement Administrator 2020-21 Annual Report;
- Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate 2020-21 Annual Report, including:
 - Default Insurance Fund 2020-21 Annual Report;
 - Public Sector Workers Compensation Fund 2020-21 Annual Report;
- Long Service Leave Authority 2020-21 Annual Report;
- Inspector of Correctional Services 2020-21 Annual Report;
- Office of the Work Health and Safety Commissioner 2020-21 Annual Report;
- ACT Policing 2020-21 Annual Report:
 - ACT Policing Special Projects 2020-21 Annual Report; and
 - Summary of Issues Reported to the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Relating to ACT Policing in 2020-21.

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Mick Gentleman MLA
Minister for Planning and Land Management
Minister for Police and Emergency Services
Minister for Corrections
Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety

7/9/2021

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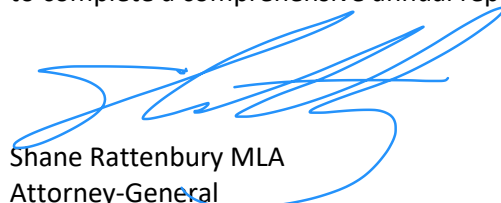
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- Director of Public Prosecutions 2020-21 Annual Report;
- Legal Aid Commission 2020-21 Annual Report;
- Public Trustee and Guardian 2020-21 Annual Report;
- Justice and Community Safety Directorate 2020-21 Annual Report:
 - Parliamentary Counsel 2020-21 Annual Report;
 - Solicitor-General for the Territory 2020-21 Annual Report;
 - Sentence Administration Board 2020-21 Annual Report; and
- ACT Policing Special Purposes 2020-21 Annual Report.

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Shane Rattenbury MLA
Attorney-General
Minister for Consumer Affairs
Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction
Minister for Gaming

7/9/21

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- Canberra Health Services 2020-21 Annual Report;
- ACT Health Directorate 2020-21 Annual Report, including;
 - Calvary Health Care Ltd 2020-21 Annual Report;
 - Human Research Ethics Committee 2020-21 Annual Report;
 - ACT Local Hospital Network Directorate 2020-21 Annual Report; and
 - Radiation Council 2020-21 Annual Report.

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Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA
Minister for Health
Minister for Families and Community Services
Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

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- Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate 2020-21 Annual Report, including:
 - ACT Public Cemeteries Authority 2020-21 Annual Report;
 - ACT Veterinary Practitioners Board 2020-21 Annual Report;
 - Animal Welfare Authority 2020-21 Annual Report;
- Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate 2020-21 Annual Report, including:
 - ACT Government Procurement Board 2020-21 Annual Report;
 - Director of Territory Records 2020-21 Annual Report;
 - Lifetime Care and Support Fund 2020-21 Annual Report;
 - Motor Accident Injuries Commission 2020-21 Annual Report;
 - Office of the Nominal Defendant 2020-21 Annual Report;
- ACT Insurance Authority 2020-21 Annual Report; and
- Building and Construction Industry Training Fund Authority 2020-21 Annual Report.

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Chris Steel MLA
Minister for Transport
Minister for Skills
Special Minister of State

2 September 2021

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 - ACT Architects Board Annual Report 2020-21 Annual Report;
 - ACT Construction Occupations 2021-21 Annual Report;
 - Environment Protection Authority 2021-21 Annual Report;
- Human Rights Commission 2020-21 Annual Report (incorporating Public Advocate of the ACT and Victims of Crime Commissioner);
- Victims Services Scheme 2020-21 Annual Report;
- Cultural Facilities Corporation 2020-21 Annual Report; and
- Gambling and Racing Commission 2020-21 Annual Report.

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Tara Cheyne MLA
Assistant Minister for Economic Development
Minister for the Arts
Assistant Minister for Business and Better Regulation
Minister for Human Rights
Minister for Multicultural Affairs

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- Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment 2020-21 Annual Report.

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Rebecca Vassarotti MLA
Minister for Environment
Minister for Heritage
Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services
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 - Senior Practitioner 2020-21 Annual Report;
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 - ACT Care Coordinator 2020-21 Annual Report;
 - Chief Psychiatrist 2020-21 Annual Report; and
 - Office for Mental Health and Wellbeing 2020-21 Annual Report.

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Emma Davidson

Emma Davidson MLA
Assistant Minister for Seniors, Veterans, Families and Community Services
Minister for Disability
Minister for Justice Health
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