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About this republication

The republished law

This is a republication of the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 1995* as in force on 18 February 2002. It includes any amendment, repeal or expiry affecting the republished law to 12 September 2001 and any amendment made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 (Editorial changes).

The legislation history and amendment history of the republished law are set out in endnotes 3 and 4.

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Penalties

The value of a penalty unit for an offence against this republished law at the republication date—

- (a) if the person charged is an individual—\$100; or
- (b) if the person charged is a corporation—\$500.

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Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 1995

An Act relating to annual reports in respect of certain government agencies

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 1995*.

3 Application of Act

This Act applies in relation to a reporting period that commences on or after 1 July 1995.

4 Definitions for Act

In this Act:

Note A definition applies except so far as the contrary intention appears (see *Legislation Act 2001*, s 155).

appropriate administrative unit, in relation to a public authority, means the administrative unit declared under section 5 to be the appropriate administrative unit in relation to that public authority.

prescribed time, in relation to the presentation of a report or the provision of information under this Act, means the time declared under section 11 for the presentation of that report or the provision of that information.

public authority means—

- (a) a Territory instrumentality; or
- (b) a statutory office-holder declared by the Minister under section 4A (1) to be a public authority for this paragraph; or
- (c) an authority, tribunal, commission, council, board, institute, committee, organisation or other body that is established by or under an Act and declared by the Minister under section 4A (2) to be a public authority for this paragraph.

reporting period means—

- (a) in relation to a public authority that is required to present a report under section 8 (1) or (5) (a) and in respect of which a

direction under section 10 is in effect—the period specified in the direction; or

- (b) in relation to—
- (i) a public authority that is required to present a report under section 8 (1) or (5) (a) and in respect of which there is no direction under section 10 in effect; or
 - (ii) a public authority that is required to provide information under section 8 (5) (b); or
 - (iii) an administrative unit;

that commences operations during a financial year—that part of the financial year during which the public authority or administrative unit operates; or

- (c) in any other case—a financial year.

responsible Minister means—

- (a) in relation to an administrative unit—the Minister to whom the Chief Minister has, under the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*, section 14 (1) (a) allocated responsibility for the administrative unit; or
- (b) in relation to a public authority established or appointed by or under an Act—the Minister administering that Act in the relevant respect; or
- (c) for any other public authority—the Minister declared by the Chief Minister under section 4B (Declaration of responsible Minister) to be the responsible Minister for the public authority.

statutory office-holder means the holder of an office established by an Act, and includes all persons who for the time being occupy or perform the duties of such an office.

Territory instrumentality means a body corporate that is established by or under an Act, or under the Corporations Act, and—

- (a) is comprised of persons, or has a governing body comprised of persons, a majority of whom are appointed by a Minister or an agency or instrumentality of the Territory; or
- (b) is a Territory owned corporation; or
- (c) is subject to control or direction by a Minister; or
- (d) is declared under the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*, section 3A to be a Territory instrumentality for that Act;

but does not include—

- (e) an administrative unit; or
- (f) a body declared under the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*, section 3A not to be a Territory instrumentality for that Act.

4A Declaration of public authority

- (1) The Minister may, in writing, declare that a statutory office-holder is a public authority for the definition of ***public authority***, paragraph (b).
- (2) The Minister may, in writing, declare that a body mentioned in the definition of ***public authority***, paragraph (c) is a public authority for that paragraph.
- (3) A declaration under this section is a notifiable instrument.

Note A notifiable instrument must be notified under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

4B Declaration of responsible Minister

- (1) The Chief Minister may, in writing, declare that a Minister is the responsible Minister for a public authority.
- (2) A declaration is a notifiable instrument.

Note A notifiable instrument must be notified under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

5 Declaration of appropriate administrative unit for public authority

- (1) The Minister may, in writing, declare that an administrative unit is the appropriate administrative unit for a public authority for this Act.
- (2) A declaration is a notifiable instrument.

Note A notifiable instrument must be notified under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

6 Annual reports of commissioner for public administration

- (1) The commissioner for public administration shall, within 10 weeks after the end of each financial year, present to the Chief Minister a report relating to the operations of the public service during that financial year.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) shall—
 - (a) give an account of the management of the public service as a whole during the financial year; and
 - (b) include such other information as the Chief Minister, in writing, directs.
- (3) A direction is a notifiable instrument.

Note A notifiable instrument must be notified under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

7 Annual reports of chief executives

- (1) The chief executive of an administrative unit shall, within 10 weeks after the end of each reporting period of the administrative unit, present to the responsible Minister a report relating to the operations of the administrative unit during that reporting period.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) shall—
 - (a) be in such form; and
 - (b) include such information;as the Minister, in writing, directs.

- (3) A direction is a notifiable instrument.

Note A notifiable instrument must be notified under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

8 Annual reports of public authorities

- (1) Subject to subsection (4), a public authority shall, within the prescribed time after the end of each reporting period of the authority, present to the chief executive of the appropriate administrative unit a report relating to the operations of the authority during that reporting period.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) shall—
- (a) be in such form; and
 - (b) include such information;
- as the Minister, in writing, directs.
- (3) A chief executive of an administrative unit to whom a report is presented under subsection (1) shall attach a copy of the report to the next report presented by the chief executive to the responsible Minister of the administrative unit under section 7.
- (4) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to a public authority that has been given a direction under subsection (5).
- (5) The Minister may, in writing, direct a public authority to—
- (a) present to the responsible Minister, within the prescribed time after the end of each reporting period of the authority, a report relating to the operations of the authority during that reporting period; or
 - (b) provide to the chief executive of the responsible administrative unit, within the prescribed time after the end of each reporting period of the authority, specified information relating to the operations of the authority during that reporting period.
- (6) A report under subsection (5) (a) shall—
- (a) be in such form; and

- (b) include such information;
as the Minister, in writing, directs.
- (7) Information provided under subsection (5) (b) shall be in such form as the Minister, in writing, directs.
- (8) A public authority to which a direction is given under subsection (5) shall comply with the direction.
- (9) A direction under this section is a notifiable instrument.

Note A notifiable instrument must be notified under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

9 Failure by public authority to provide information or report

If a public authority fails to comply with section 8 (1), or a direction under section 8 (5) (b), in relation to a reporting period of the authority, the chief executive of the responsible administrative unit shall, in his or her first report under section 7 after that failure—

- (a) state that the failure has occurred; and
- (b) if the public authority has given the chief executive reasons in writing for that failure—state those reasons.

10 Reporting period other than financial year—public authorities

- (1) The Minister may, in writing, direct a public authority to present a report under section 8 (1) or (5) (a) in respect of a period other than a financial year.
- (2) A direction is a notifiable instrument.

Note A notifiable instrument must be notified under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

11 Time for lodging annual reports by public authorities

- (1) The Minister must, in writing, declare a time after the end of each reporting period of a public authority within which the public authority is to present a report, or provide information, relating to

that reporting period under section 8 (1) or (5) (a) or (b), as the case requires.

- (2) The Minister must not declare a time under subsection (1) that exceeds 10 weeks.
- (3) A declaration under subsection (1) is a notifiable instrument.

Note A notifiable instrument must be notified under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

12 Extension of time for lodging annual report

- (1) The Minister may, on application by the commissioner for public administration, a chief executive or a public authority not less than 21 days before the expiration of the time allowed for the presentation of a report or the provision of information under section 6, 7 or 8 (1) or (5) (a) or (b), extend the time within which the report is to be presented or the information provided.
- (2) If a person who is required to present a report or provide information under section 6, 7 or 8 (1) or (5) (a) or (b) is unable to furnish the report within the time fixed by or for the purposes of that provision or any extension of that time allowed under subsection (1), the person shall—
 - (a) not less than 14 days before the end of the time so fixed or allowed, furnish to the responsible Minister a statement in writing explaining why the report cannot be presented, or the information cannot be provided, within that time; and
 - (b) present the report, or provide the information, to the person to whom it is required to be presented or provided as soon as possible.
- (3) The responsible Minister shall cause a copy of a statement under subsection (2) (a) to be laid before the Legislative Assembly within 6 sitting days after the day on which he or she receives the statement.

13 Combined reports

If a person is required to prepare more than 1 report under this Act in respect of the same period and those reports can appropriately be combined into a single report that satisfies the requirements of this Act and the relevant directions under this Act, the preparation of such a combined report and the presentation of copies of it to each of the persons to whom separate reports would otherwise have been required to be presented shall be sufficient compliance with the requirements of this Act in relation to the preparation and presentation of the reports that have been so combined.

14 Tabling annual reports

- (1) The Chief Minister shall cause a copy of each report presented to him or her under section 6 to be laid before the Legislative Assembly within 6 sitting days after the day on which he or she receives the report.
- (2) The responsible Minister shall cause a copy of each report presented to him or her under section 7 or 8 (5) (a) to be laid before the Legislative Assembly within 6 sitting days after the day on which he or she receives the report.

15 Tabling instruments

- (1) The Minister shall cause a copy of each instrument under section 5, 7 (2), 8 (2), (5), (6) or (7), 10 or 11 (1) to be laid before the Legislative Assembly within 6 sitting days after the day on which it is made.
- (2) The Chief Minister shall cause a copy of each instrument under section 6 (2) (b) to be laid before the Legislative Assembly within 6 sitting days after the day on which it is made.

16 Relationship to other laws

- (1) The requirements of this Act are in addition to the requirements of any other law.

- (2) If a public authority is required under any other law to prepare a report on the operation of the authority, the authority may prepare a report that satisfies the requirements of both this Act and the other law.

Endnotes

1 About the endnotes

Amending and modifying laws are annotated in the legislation history and the amendment history. Current modifications are not included in the republished law but are set out in the endnotes.

Not all editorial amendments made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 are annotated in the amendment history. Full details of any amendments can be obtained from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

Uncommenced amending laws are listed in the legislation history and the amendment history. These details are underlined. Uncommenced provisions and amendments are not included in the republished law but are set out in the last endnotes.

If all the provisions of the law have been renumbered, a table of renumbered provisions gives details of previous and current numbering.

The endnotes also include a table of earlier republications.

If the republished law includes penalties, current information about penalty unit values appears on the republication inside front cover.

2 Abbreviation key

am = amended	ord = ordinance
amdt = amendment	orig = original
ch = chapter	p = page
cl = clause	par = paragraph
def = definition	pres = present
dict = dictionary	prev = previous
disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative Assembly	(prev...) = previously
div = division	prov = provision
exp = expires/expired	pt = part
Gaz = Gazette	r = rule/subrule
hdg = heading	reg = regulation/subregulation
ins = inserted/added	renum = renumbered
LA = Legislation Act 2001	reloc = relocated
LR = legislation register	R[X] = Republication No
LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996	s = section/subsection
mod = modified / modification	sch = schedule
No = number	sdiv = subdivision
o = order	sub = substituted
om = omitted/repealed	SL = Subordinate Law
	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced

Endnotes

3 Legislation history

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Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 1995 No 24

notified 5 September 1995 (Gaz 1995 No S212)
commenced 5 September 1995 (s 2)

as amended by

Annual Reports (Government Agencies) (Amendment) Act 1997 No 119

notified 24 December 1997 (Gaz 1997 No S420)
commenced 24 December 1997 (s 2)

Legislation (Consequential Amendments) Act 2001 No 44 pt 21

notified 26 July 2001 (Gaz 2001 No 30)
s 1, s 2 commenced 26 July 2001 (IA s 10B)
pt 21 commenced 12 September 2001 (s 2 and Gaz 2001 No S65)

4 Amendment history

Commencement

s 2 om 2001 No 44 amdt 1.218

Definitions for Act

s 4 def **prescribed time** am 2001 No 44 amdt 1.219
def **public authority** am 2001 No 44 amdt 1.220, amdt 1.221
def **responsible Minister** am 2001 No 44 amdt 1.222
def **Territory instrumentality** am 1997 No 119 s 4; pars renum
R2 LA

Declaration of public authority

s 4A ins 2001 No 44 amdt 1.223

Declaration of responsible Minister

s 4B ins 2001 No 44 amdt 1.223

Declaration of appropriate administrative unit for public authority

s 5 sub 2001 No 44 amdt 1.224

Annual reports of commissioner for public administration

s 6 am 2001 No 44 amdt 1.225, amdt 1.226

Annual reports of chief executives

s 7 am 2001 No 44 amdt 1.227, amdt 1.228

Annual reports of public authorities

s 8 am 2001 No 44 amdt 1.229-1.232

Reporting period other than financial year—public authorities

s 10 am 2001 No 44 amdt 1.233, amdt 1.234

Time for lodging annual reports by public authorities

s 11 am 2001 No 44 amdts 1.235-1.237

5 Earlier republications

Some earlier republications were not numbered. The number in column 1 refers to the publication order.

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Republication No	Amendments to	Republication date
1	Act 1997 No 119	31 March 1999

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