

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

CHIEF MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORTS DIRECTIONS 2002 (No 1)

NI2002-214

- This instrument is issued in accordance with section 15 of the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 1995* (the Act) and provides the framework for 2001-2002 Annual Reports. The instrument includes the Annual Reports Directions for this reporting year. Under the Annual Reports Act, this instrument must be tabled, although it is not disallowable.
- While there are some mandatory requirements, the Directions should be seen as setting the baseline for reporting. Because the Directions cover a wide range of reporting bodies, they must be sufficiently flexible to permit accurate and appropriate reporting across a range of operational requirements.
- Under the Act, all reports must be presented to Ministers within 10 weeks of the end of the reporting year. This means all financial year reports must be presented to Ministers by 8 September 2002. Ministers then have 6 sitting days in which to table reports. In order to have reports tabled as early as possible, all reports will be tabled during the 24-26 September 2002 sitting week.
