Statement of Compliance

For the year ended 30 June 2016

In accordance with section 63 of the Financial Management Act 2006, I hereby submit for your information and presentation to Parliament, the Annual Report of the Department of Housing for the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

The Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Management Act 2006.

Paul Whyte
Acting Director General
9 September 2016
Overview

Responsible Minister

The Department of Housing (the Department) is responsible to the Hon Brendon Grylls MLA, Minister for Housing.

About the Department

The Department is established under the Public Sector Management Act 1994. It began as the Department of Housing and Works during the early 2000s. It was designated as the Department of Housing under section 35(1) Public Sector Management Act 1994, effective from 1 February 2009, following the transfer of the ‘Works’ function to the Finance portfolio.

The Department sits within the Housing portfolio. The portfolio also includes:

- the Housing Authority, established under the Housing Act 1980. The Housing Authority also performs portfolio functions under the Government Employees’ Housing Act 1964
- the Keystart Housing Scheme. Keystart is a wholly-owned State enterprise with the Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Authority as its sole shareholder
- the Country Housing Authority established under the Country Housing Act 1998. The Authority is administered through Keystart.

Under the Housing Act 1980, the Housing Authority performs the primary functions of the portfolio including:

- Rental of social housing
- Rental of government officers’ housing in regional areas
- Residential land development
- Housing construction and improvement
- Residential mortgage lending (via Keystart).

Details are provided in the Housing Authority’s Annual Report, which is available on its website.
The positions of Director General of the Department and Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Authority are held by the same officer. Both positions report to the Minister for Housing and may provide advice to, and receive instructions or directions from, the Minister.

Paul Whyte
Acting Director General

Paul commenced the role of Acting Chief Executive Officer for the Authority in March 2015. He is concurrently the Acting Director General of the Department of Housing. Before joining the Authority in September 2009, he was acting Chief Executive Officer at Landgate and held the permanent position of Executive Director, Business Development.

Prior to joining Landgate in 2001, Paul was a member of the Valuer General’s Office Corporate Executive, and Policy Adviser to the Western Australian Treasury Corporation. In the private sector, Paul has been managing director of a number of successful established and start-up businesses. Paul holds a Bachelor of Commerce and Master of Business Administration, and is a Certified Practising Accountant. He is a member of the Western Australian Planning Commission, City of Perth Planning Committee, Government Council for Family and Domestic Violence, Aboriginal Affairs Coordinating Committee and the Strategic Regional Advisory Council supporting the Regional Services Reform Unit.
Agency Performance

The Department did not receive an appropriation within the State Budget. The Department did not conduct any operational or financial activities for this financial year.


Report on Operations
Nil.

 Significant Trends and Issues

There has been no change in the activities of the Department during the financial year, nor are any changes anticipated in the foreseeable future.
Disclosures and Legal Compliance

Ministerial Directives
Nil.

Performance Indicators
Nil.

Other Financial Disclosures
Nil.

Employment and Industrial Relations
Nil.

Governance Disclosures
Nil.

Other Legal Requirements
Nil.

Government Policy Requirements
Nil.

Audit

*The Auditor General Act 2006* allows the Auditor General, in consultation with the Treasurer, to dispense with the audit of the Department if the Auditor General considers it appropriate in the circumstance.

The Auditor General, after consultation with the Treasurer, dispensed with the audit of the Department for the financial year ending 30 June 2016 under section 14 of the *Auditor General Act 2006*. The Department did not operate during this period and it was considered not in the public interest to incur the cost of these audits.