

Annual Performance Reports and Accounts of Ministries, Departments, Provincial Councils and Local Government Institutions

In terms of the Section 16(2) of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018, you are required to submit the Annual Performance Report as well, in the event of submitting the Annual Financial Statements to the Auditor General. Therefore, as per the Para 10 of the Public Finance Circular No 02/2020 dated 28.08.2020, I assume that by the date of 28.02.2021, you and all the institutions coming under your purview have submitted the Annual Performance Report as per the Section 16(2) of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018, along with the Annual Account for the year ended on 31.12.2020, in accordance with the Guideline 06 issued by the Department of State Accounts as per the provisions of the aforesaid circular.

02. Even though you have submitted said reports to the Auditor General as mentioned in the Para 01 above, I observe that it would be difficult for the government institutions to submit the Annual Performance Reports of 2020 to be tabled in the Parliament before lapsing 150 days from the end of the Financial Year as required by the provisions of the Para 12 of Public Finance Circular No 02/2020, due to the fact that the government institutions are operating with a limited number of staff because of the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak in the country. Accordingly, you are kindly informed that the final date for the submission of Annual Reports-2020 to the Parliament is extended till 30.06.2021.

Sgd. S.R. Attygalle Secretary to the Treasury

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