



Contact: (08) 9222 2000

Attention: Local Government Chief Executive Officer

Via email

Dear Sir/Madam

2022/23 FOOD ACT 2008 AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 2016 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Please be advised that the Department of Health is now collecting information from local government enforcement agencies on the performance of functions under the *Food Act 2008*, as required by Section 121, and the *Public Health Act 2016*, as required by Section 22, for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

To meet your reporting requirements please complete the reporting form online at <https://consultation.health.wa.gov.au/environmental-health-directorate/2022-23-food-act-public-health-act-reporting> by 31 August 2023.

The reporting questions are attached for your reference; however, the report must be submitted online. Authorised officers completing the online report will have to obtain authorisation from the local government's Chief Executive Officer.

Further information about the *Food Act 2008* and *Public Health Act 2016* reporting requirements, including a guideline to the questions, can be found on the Department of Health website at https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Annual-performance-reporting-for-local-government-enforcement-agencies

Optional reporting - *Public Health Act 2016*

In addition to the mandatory reporting, the Department of Health is seeking to formalise and refine the collection of operational data as per section 22 of the *Public Health Act 2016* as stage 5 of the implementation draws closer.

Additional reporting questions are being asked which will provide the Department of Health with data from across the state. This data will be compiled in a series of reports to local government to assist with regional comparison of risks and inform public health planning under the *Public Health Act 2016*. Previous report templates from 2019/2020 for the 10 health regions can be found under the Public Health Act Reports tab at https://www.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Annual-performance-reporting-for-local-government-enforcement-agencies.

The EH indicators reporting for public health planning survey can be completed online at:

<https://datalibrary-rc.health.wa.gov.au/surveys/?s=J9HCAMPY3WD793D4>

It is preferred that the additional reporting is completed online, however if you would prefer to submit a hard copy please contact the Public Health Act legislation team on (08) 9222 2000 or email publichealthact@health.wa.gov.au. It is requested that you submit your optional report by the 31 August 2023.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Should you have any queries concerning the reporting requirements please contact the Food team or Science and Policy team at the Environmental Health Directorate on (08) 9222 2000.

Yours sincerely



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Att: 2022/23 Food Act 2008 and Public Health Act regulatory reporting questions