



Update for ARC Stakeholders – 31 August 2022

The Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI), on behalf of WA Government agencies, provides stakeholders the below update regarding the Animal Resources Centre (ARC).

Background

- The WA Government's review of the ARC found that change is needed for the capability to be continued.
- The WA Government is finalising a 'Single Stage Limited Request' process to identify an independent provider to acquire the ARC's assets and continue its operations.
- The WA Government and the ARC appreciate that stakeholders need confidence that the ARC's services will be maintained through the transition, ensuring research can continue without disruption.
- The WA Government is aiming to exit ownership and operational control of the ARC in a way that retains the capability in Western Australia, secures a sustainable future with a new independent provider, and minimises disruption to the ARC's stakeholders.

Updates since ARC Stakeholder briefing in July 2022

- The WA Government identified a 'Preferred' and 'Reserve' Respondent through the 'Single Stage Limited Request' process.
- The WA Government is finalising commercial-in-confidence negotiations with the 'Preferred Provider' to formalise transfer arrangements for the ARC capability.
- Both the 'Preferred' and 'Reserve' Respondents have a plan for continuing the ARC as a sustainable provider and understand the importance of things such as:
 - Sustained access to a range of products and services.
 - Quality standards needed to support world leading research.
- Assisting ARC staff in the transition process and balancing ongoing service delivery continues to be a priority.

Next steps

- The WA Government will continue to provide regular updates each month.
- A formal announcement regarding the new ARC provider will be made once the commercial agreement is signed by both parties.