INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

To the Parliament of Western Australia

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Report on the Financial Statements
I have audited the accounts and financial statements of The University of Western Australia.

The financial statements comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2014, the Income Statement, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows of the University and the consolidated entity for the year then ended, and Notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

University Senate’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements
The University Senate is responsible for keeping proper accounts, and the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Treasurer’s Instructions, and for such internal control as the University Senate determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility
As required by the Auditor General Act 2006, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on my audit. The audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those Standards require compliance with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and that the audit be planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the University’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the University Senate, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion
In my opinion, the financial statements are based on proper accounts and present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The University of Western Australia and the consolidated entity at 31 December 2014 and their financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended. They are in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Treasurer’s Instructions.
Report on Controls
I have audited the controls exercised by The University of Western Australia during the year ended 31 December 2014.

Controls exercised by The University of Western Australia are those policies and procedures established by the University Senate to ensure that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property, and the incurring of liabilities have been in accordance with legislative provisions.

University Senate’s Responsibility for Controls
The University Senate is responsible for maintaining an adequate system of internal control to ensure that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of public and other property, and the incurring of liabilities are in accordance with the Financial Management Act 2006 and the Treasurer’s Instructions, and other relevant written law.

Auditor’s Responsibility
As required by the Auditor General Act 2006, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the controls exercised by The University of Western Australia based on my audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the adequacy of controls to ensure that the University complies with the legislative provisions. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgement and include an evaluation of the design and implementation of relevant controls.

I believe that the audit evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion
In my opinion, the controls exercised by The University of Western Australia are sufficiently adequate to provide reasonable assurance that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property, and the incurring of liabilities have been in accordance with legislative provisions during the year ended 31 December 2014.

Report on the Key Performance Indicators
I have audited the key performance indicators of The University of Western Australia for the year ended 31 December 2014.

The key performance indicators are the key effectiveness indicators and the key efficiency indicators that provide information on outcome achievement and service provision.

University Senate’s Responsibility for the Key Performance Indicators
The University Senate is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the key performance indicators in accordance with the Financial Management Act 2006 and the Treasurer’s Instructions and for such controls as the University Senate determines necessary to ensure that the key performance indicators fairly represent indicated performance.

Auditor’s Responsibility
As required by the Auditor General Act 2006, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the key performance indicators based on my audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards.
An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the key performance indicators. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the key performance indicators. In making these risk assessments the auditor considers internal control relevant to the University Senate’s preparation and fair presentation of the key performance indicators in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the relevance and appropriateness of the key performance indicators for measuring the extent of outcome achievement and service provision.

I believe that the audit evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

**Opinion**

In my opinion, the key performance indicators of The University of Western Australia are relevant and appropriate to assist users to assess the University’s performance and fairly represent indicated performance for the year ended 31 December 2014.

**Independence**

In conducting this audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of the Auditor General Act 2006 and Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards, and other relevant ethical requirements.

**Matters Relating to the Electronic Publication of the Audited Financial Statements and Key Performance Indicators**

This auditor’s report relates to the financial statements and key performance indicators of The University of Western Australia for the year ended 31 December 2014 included on the University’s website. The University’s management is responsible for the integrity of the University’s website. This audit does not provide assurance on the integrity of the University’s website. The auditor’s report refers only to the financial statements and key performance indicators described above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from these financial statements or key performance indicators. If users of the financial statements and key performance indicators are concerned with the inherent risks arising from publication on a website, they are advised to refer to the hard copy of the audited financial statements and key performance indicators to confirm the information contained in this website version of the financial statements and key performance indicators.

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