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WA'S PUBLIC SECTOR HELPS PULL THE STATE'S FINANCES BACK FROM THE BRINK

The Treasurer has released the Annual Report on State Finances, which highlighted the heavy lifting done by the public sector to improve the WA's budgetary performance.

With the lowest expense growth in over two decades and a predicted surplus by 2020, WA is now in a solid financial position.

CPSU/CSA Assistant Secretary Rikki Hendon says the heavy lifting was done by the public sector.

"WA's public sector has helped pull the state's finances back from the brink, but at a significant cost.

"They have carried more than their fair share, seeing through a restrictive Public Sector Wages Policy, Machinery of Government changes and a detrimental Voluntary Targeted Severance Scheme roll-out.

"Rounds of job cuts by successive state governments have left departments depleted and workloads at an all-time high.

"But public service workers are resilient and want the best for the community.

"With the state's financial position on the improve, we look forward to productive talks with Government about properly resourcing public services, and investing in the people who deliver them, into the future," she said.

Bargaining for the CPSU/CSA Agreement starts in December 2018.