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**ENCOURAGING IMPROVEMENT IN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S
USE OF MANAGEMENT INFORMATION**

Comptroller and Auditor General issues latest report

Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) Karen McConnell has today (22 September 2016) published her report into Management Information in Education.

The report focuses on how well the Department:

- has specified its management information requirements;
- assures the quality of its data; and
- uses the information in decision making.

It also highlights the steps taken to secure improvements and the challenges that remain.

The C&AG found that the Department has made important progress in developing and using management information, including by putting in place an expert team to work within the Department and across schools and colleges. The Department has also been driving the development of data sharing between departments, something that is crucial to joining up service planning and delivery.

There is of course more to do. Work is required to ensure that management information, including financial information, is aligned with the Department's strategic and operational objectives. This need to align information to objectives is a theme that has featured in previous C&AG reports including those on financial management.

Karen McConnell said:

"I welcome the approach of the Education Department to understanding the value and power of management information to help secure efficient and effective services and outcomes for children, young people and life-long learners. The priority given to this area is refreshing."

"There is more to do but I am optimistic that the right building blocks are in place."

The report is available on the Jersey Audit Office's website at (www.jerseyauditoffice.je).

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