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COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL ISSUES ANNUAL LETTER AND ANNUAL REPORT

Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG), Karen McConnell, has today (24 September) issued her Annual Letter and Annual Report.

The Annual Letter summaries the findings from her work over the last 12 months. From her reviews she has identified some common themes across the States of Jersey, including:

- weaknesses in the development and use of management information;
- weaknesses in governance and accountability; and
- limited corporate learning.

The Annual Report details the organisation and management of the work of the Jersey Audit Office, including the changes following the coming into force of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Jersey) Law 2014.

Karen McConnell said:

“This year has seen considerable progress in the development of the Jersey Audit Office. We have produced some significant reports on a wide range of topics including financial management, run major procurement exercises for the audit of States' accounts and other bodies, worked positively with the Public Accounts Committee and enhanced the governance arrangements for the Office. We have an ambitious programme for the coming year with a greater focus on the achievement of value for money by the States. I look forward to a productive year.”

The report will be available on the Jersey Audit Office's website from 09:30 on Thursday 24 September at: www.jerseyauditoffice.je

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Notes to Editors:

- The Office of Comptroller and Auditor General ('C&AG') was established in 2005 and operates under the Comptroller and Auditor General (Jersey) Law 2014
- The remit of the C&AG includes the audit of financial statements and wider consideration of public funds, often expressed as 'value for money'
- Karen McConnell was appointed in 2013 and the term of office was extended in 2014 to December 2019
- Formerly of the UK Audit Commission ('the Commission'), Karen held a variety of senior positions, including leading the Audit Practice
- The Office of Comptroller & Auditor General is known as the 'Jersey Audit Office'
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- Any comments made additional to any reports, will be included within any press release(s) as issued by the Jersey Audit Office, in the form of a quotation by the C&AG. These comments will be available for publication; but there will not be any supplementary live or pre-recorded interviews offered or undertaken by either Karen McConnell or the employees of the Jersey Audit Office
- The C&AG is prepared, on an occasional basis, to provide articles for publication in the local media, following a specific request and consideration of the relevant topic
- All public information, including press releases and reports, are accessible on the Jersey Audit Office website at www.jerseyauditoffice.je

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