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Comptroller and Auditor General issues Annual Report

Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) Karen McConnell has today (24 September 2018) published her Annual Report to the States Assembly.

The Annual Report is split into three parts:

- a Performance Report which describes and analyses the work of the C&AG and her professional team, showing how the resources allocated by the States Assembly have been used;
- an Accountability Report which includes the Board's Assurance Report; and
- the Annual Accounts.

The Annual Report follows the first full year since the appointment of a Board of Governance for the Office of the C&AG in September 2016. The Board of Governance was created to '*keep under review whether the Comptroller and Auditor General has used and is using the resources provided properly, efficiently and effectively*'.

In his introduction, the Chairman of the Board of Governance, Peter Price, says:

“Our basic requirement is to review and comment on the estimates and annual accounts. We also provide assurance on the annual expenses of the C&AG and we review staff terms and conditions. This makes clear that our function is to provide assurance – to the States and to the people of Jersey – rather than creating an extra tier of management.

“During the year several reports produced by the C&AG have attracted considerable media attention. That is often a sign of the importance of the findings and recommendations. But the aim of a good audit body is to help organisations to improve. The lessons to be learned can usually be applied to other bodies and so the gain can be multiplied. But it also depends on a willingness to read, heed and act.

“I hope that you will be interested in reading about the year in this small but crucial part of Jersey's governance.”



The Annual Report is available on the Jersey Audit Office's website 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'
- The C&AG has a statutory duty to submit an Annual Report and Annual Accounts to the States Assembly
- 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
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- Press releases will be published by the Jersey Audit Office to accompany the publication of each report
- Embargo times, where set, will be at 0001 hours on the day of publication - for press releases, reports and all other information pertaining to the publication date
- Other press releases/ statements may be made on an occasional basis and not necessarily dependent upon the publication of a report. They will be subject to the same embargoes where set
- With any report issued, the opportunity is available for members of the press to request factual clarification, by email, of points contained therein
- 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
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