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Comptroller and Auditor General issues 2018 Annual Report and Accounts

Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) Karen McConnell has today (07 May 2019) published her Annual Report and Accounts to the States Assembly.

The Annual Report and Accounts contains:

- a Performance Report which describes and analyses the work of the C&AG and her professional team that make up the Jersey Audit Office, showing how the resources allocated by the States Assembly have been used;
- an Accountability Report which includes the Corporate Governance Report describing how the Office is run and the Board's Assurance Report; and
- the Annual Accounts.

The Chairman of the Board of Governance, Peter Price, said:

“The role of the Board is to ensure that the resources provided to the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) are used ‘*properly, efficiently and effectively*’. We are satisfied that this requirement has been fulfilled.

“It has been another busy year for the C&AG and her team. Reports on important public services have been delivered. Some dealt with recurrent topics to ensure satisfactory progress is being made. Others shone a light on specific sectors and bodies, analysing their strengths and weaknesses. All of the work aims to help government and public bodies to improve, so as to give the people of Jersey better services and better value.

“The 2018 year ended with our looking ahead to achieve the best possible successor to Karen McConnell when her seven-year term ends on 31 December 2019 and then to ensure a smooth transition.

“Above all, the aim of this organisation is to help Jersey's public bodies individually and collectively to improve. 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 and Accounts 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, corporate governance, internal control and wider consideration of public funds, often expressed as 'value for money'
- Under Article 19 of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Jersey) Law 2014, the C&AG has a duty to prepare an Annual Report and Accounts. The Law requires that the Accounts are audited by auditors appointed by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee
- Karen McConnell was appointed in 2013 and the term of office was extended in 2014 to 31 December 2019. Following the introduction of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Jersey) Law 2014 the term of office is now fixed at seven years and is non-renewable
- Formerly of the UK Audit Commission ('the Commission'), Karen held a variety of senior positions, including leading the Audit Practice
- Karen has a full programme of work which she intends to fulfil before the end of her term of office. Arrangements are in place for the appointment of a new C&AG from 1 January 2020 and handover arrangements are being overseen by the Board of Governance of the C&AG
- The Office of Comptroller & Auditor General is known as the 'Jersey Audit Office'
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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
- All public information, including press releases and reports, are accessible on the Jersey Audit Office website at www.jerseyauditoffice.je

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