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A robust statutory framework is in place in Jersey to combat corruption

Comptroller and Auditor General issues latest report

Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG), Lynn Pamment, has today (27 January 2021) published a report on **Anti-Corruption Arrangements**.

The report focusses on the design and operation of the States of Jersey's (the States) arrangements to embed a culture of compliance and the arrangement to identify and manage risks of corruption. In particular, it looks at the policies and procedures for procurement and for receipt of gifts and hospitality by States employees and States members.

Lynn Pamment found that the Corruption (Jersey) Law 2006 introduced comprehensive measures to combat bribery and corruption in Jersey and to enhance the provisions for prosecution in Jersey, even where acts alleged to constitute an offence were committed outside Jersey. She further noted that the Government participates in external review programmes led by the United Nations and Moneyval (Council of Europe) which assess how the risk of corruption is managed in all sectors on the Island. The last reported outcome from these review programmes demonstrated a high level of compliance.

The C&AG found that, within the States, corruption risks have previously been assessed and managed alongside fraud risks and that a structured risk assessment has not been undertaken routinely to identify specific corruption risks. A formal Anti-Corruption Policy and accompanying Strategy have been drafted recently and are intended to be implemented over the next year.

The C&AG noted that policies and procedures are in place within the States to manage the corruption risks associated with procurement, gifts and hospitality and conflicts of interest. However, she found some weaknesses in these procedures and noted that compliance with required procedures is variable.

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Lynn Pamment said:

“A robust statutory framework is in place in Jersey to combat bribery and corruption. I have not identified any examples of corruption in the States of Jersey.

“However, detailed work is required by the States of Jersey to implement the new Anti-Corruption Policy and the Counter Fraud and Corruption Strategy over the next 12 months. This should include doing more to raise awareness and further embed a compliance culture amongst States Members and States employees.

“There is a need to review and update the Codes of Conduct for employees, for States Members and for Ministers and Assistant Ministers. There is also a need to review and improve policies and procedures in respect of managing conflicts of interest; procurement breaches and exemptions; and the scrutiny of gifts and hospitality.”

The report *Anti-Corruption Arrangements* can be found at:
<https://www.jerseyauditoffice.je>

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