

Press release:

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**ACTION NEEDED TO SECURE FULL BENEFIT FROM AUDIT
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Comptroller and Auditor General issues latest reports

Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG), Karen McConnell, has introduced a structured programme to follow up her reports and has today (27 August) published follow-up reports on three reviews:

- **Internal Audit** (published March 2014)
- **Procurement** (published March 2014)
- **Use of Management Information in HSSD - Operating Theatres** (published July 2014).

Karen McConnell found that in all three cases progress has been made in implementing recommendations. In the case of **Internal Audit** good progress has been made. For **Operating Theatres** and **Procurement** there has been good progress on the key operational recommendations.

The overall message emerging from the reports is that corporate ownership of, and accountability for, the implementation of recommendations is vital. More needs to be done to:

- ensure that change is set within the context of a clearly-documented vision of what the organisation is trying to achieve;
- use management information effectively to inform short-term and long-term decision-making; and
- apply the learning from audit reports more widely as part of the culture change being sought by the States.

Karen McConnell said:

“Public reports are valuable not only for the external scrutiny they provide but also for the change they should lead to. My follow-up of the implementation of recommendations allows the States Assembly to establish whether recommendations are being implemented in a timely manner, so securing necessary improvements in governance, internal control and value for money”.

The reports will be available on the Jersey Audit Office’s website from 0930 on Thursday 27 August at: www.jerseyauditoffice.je

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Notes to Editors:

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- 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
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