

Monday, 25 June 2012

**For Immediate Release**

**STATEMENT FROM THE COMPTROLLER & AUDITOR GENERAL**

**LIME GROVE HOUSE**

I am aware of suggestions made by Mr Hugh McGarel-Groves concerning my Report on the attempt to purchase Lime Grove House.

For the avoidance of doubt, I wish to make it clear that:

- (1) I am confident of the evidence which formed the basis for the Report.
- (2) I am not aware of any reason to amend the Report.
- (3) My normal process was applied to the evidence provided to me by Mr McGarel-Groves and, in particular, a draft of the information he gave me was sent to him at the email address he provided.
- (4) A copy of the draft Report for his comment was also sent to the email address that he provided.
- (5) No response was received from him to either the draft of his evidence or the draft Report.

**ENDS**