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COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL SETS OUT PRIORITIES

Comptroller and Auditor General issues Annual Report

Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) Karen McConnell has today (05 September 2017) published her Annual Report to the States Assembly.

The Annual Report looks back, demonstrating what the C&AG has achieved through the Jersey Audit Office (JAO) and forward, setting out her priorities for the future.

The Annual Report highlights key achievements of the JAO:

- delivery of the final recommendation to be implemented of the C&AG's 2013 report 'Public Audit in Jersey' - to establish the Board of Governance to review whether the JAO is using its resources properly, efficiently and effectively;
- delivery of a full work programme targeted at areas of risk, including the report on the Jersey Innovation Fund; and
- continuing to deliver public audit at a significantly lower cost than for other comparable jurisdictions, reflecting the efficient operating model of the JAO.

The Annual Report also sets out priorities for next year building on the momentum already established to:

- achieve positive impact from the JAO's work and facilitate worthwhile change; and
- work with the newly established Board of Governance:
 - to ensure the JAO demonstrates the highest standards of governance; and
 - to demonstrate the internal effectiveness and accountability of the JAO.

Karen McConnell said:

"The Jersey Audit Office makes a valuable contribution by encouraging worthwhile change across the States; and it delivers high quality public audit at lower cost than for comparable jurisdictions.



In continuing to achieve positive impact from my Office's work, I have three priorities.

Firstly, working constructively with the States to continue to drive good governance. Good governance is not about bureaucracy - it is about structured and clear decision making. It underpins clear accountability and improved value for money.

Secondly, producing relevant, insightful reports with clear recommendations that are accepted and implemented.

And finally, following up previous work to see whether agreed recommendations are implemented and that the anticipated improvements are achieved."

The Annual Report is available on the Jersey Audit Office's website 2017 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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