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## **Comptroller and Auditor General issues 2019 Annual Report and Accounts**

Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) Lynn Pamment has published her Annual Report and Accounts for 2019.

The Annual Report and Accounts contain:

- 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 were used in 2019;
- 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:**

"This Annual Report reviews 2019 – the year which brought to a conclusion Karen McConnell's term as C&AG. We thank Karen for her seven productive years' work and for ensuring a smooth transition on 1 January 2020 to her successor, Lynn Pamment.

"Karen's final report was a Thinkpiece on Governance, published in December 2019. In those concluding thoughts, Karen drew together several themes about achieving good governance. I hope that they will stimulate debate.

"This annual report informs readers about the work of the C&AG and her team over the past year. It lists '*key outputs*' and describes their follow-up. The accounts show that the work has been achieved at remarkably low cost, if you compare output and expenditure with those of comparable audit offices in other small territories.

"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. An accountability report giving more detail about the Board and its work is contained in the middle section of this annual report.

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“The report also looks ahead to the new C&AG’s priorities for 2020 and how they will be taken forward. Ambition for continuous improvement shines through those pages. It gives the Board confidence that the Office will go from strength to strength, with some useful innovations on the way.

“The work of this small organisation is aimed at helping government and public bodies to improve, so as to give the people of Jersey better services and better value. The challenges to be faced in 2020 may be unique but that aim will endure.

“I hope that many people will be interested in reading about the work of 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](http://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
- Lynn Pamment took up the Office of C&AG on 1 January 2020 for a fixed term of seven years. 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.
- The Office of Comptroller & Auditor General is known as the ‘Jersey Audit Office’.

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- 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 Lynn Pamment or the staff 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**