

STATES OF JERSEY



COVID-19 RELATED EMERGENCY SUPPORT SCHEME (R.50/2021): EXECUTIVE RESPONSE

Presented to the States on 12th May 2021
by the Public Accounts Committee

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FOREWORD

In accordance with paragraphs 64-66 of the [Code of Practice](#) for engagement between ‘Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee’ and ‘the Executive’, (as derived from the [Proceedings Code of Practice](#)) the Public Accounts Committee presents the Executive Response to the Comptroller and Auditor General’s Report entitled: [Covid-19 Related Emergency Support Scheme \(CRESS\)](#) (R.50/2021 presented to the States on 30th March 2021).

The Committee notes that both recommendations of the C&AG’s first report on Covid-related matters have been accepted in full and intends to undertake a full review once the C&AG has completed her 6th and final report in the series.

Deputy I. Gardiner
Chair, Public Accounts Committee

**The Chief Executive, Treasurer and Director General
of Customer and Local Services' Response to C&AG
Review: CRESS**

May 2021

Glossary of Terms

C&AG – Comptroller and Auditor General

CLS – Customer and Local Services

CRESS – Covid -19 – Related Emergency Support Scheme

OpCo - Operating Committee

Review title: C&AG Review: [CRESS](#) - Executive Response to PAC by 6th May 2021 please.

Summary of response

We welcome the C&AG report which recognises the need for Government to act quickly to address an area of great need during a time of great uncertainty for many islanders.

Action Plan

Recommendation	Action	Target date	Responsible Officer
<p>R1 Ensure business cases for new schemes document the following clearly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the level of risk appetite and its consequences • specific risks relating to value for money, fraud and corruption and resourcing and delivery • the purpose of eligibility criteria (including details of how compliance with the criteria will be monitored); and • scheme success and evaluation criteria. 	<p>We will review these recommendations and update the sections of the Public Finance Manual for new schemes.</p> <p>These updates will be included in future Public Finance Manual training and awareness sessions.</p>	<p>31/12/2021</p>	<p>Treasurer of the States</p>
<p>R2 Consider how the lessons and recommendations identified from CRESS can be shared and taken forward corporately as well as within CLS.</p>	<p>Lessons learned from this review will be shared at OpCo which includes senior leaders from each department of government.</p> <p>As per R1 above, training and awareness sessions will include examples from the CRESS scheme and CAG report.</p>	<p>30/09/2021</p> <p>31/12/2021</p>	<p>DG of CLS</p> <p>Treasurer of the States</p>

Recommendations not accepted

None