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The Annual Report and Accounts contain:

- a **Performance Report** which comprises:
 - the **overview**, which includes a summary of the work of the C&AG and the JAO in 2021, a statement by the C&AG, highlights of 2021 and a description of the JAO including its purpose and key risks; and
 - the **performance analysis** which provides a detailed view of the JAO's performance. This sets out information on performance against priorities, financial performance, costs compared to other audit offices, website and communications, environmental impact, other non-financial information, risks and priorities for 2022.
- an **Accountability Report** which comprises:
 - the **Corporate Governance Report** which describes the JAO's governance structures and how they support the achievement of its objectives
 - the **Remuneration and Staff Report** which provides information about the remuneration paid to the C&AG, the Deputy C&AG, the Chair of the Board of Governance and independent contractors working for the JAO; and
 - the **Accountability Statement and Audit Report** which brings together two further reports that form a key part of the C&AG's and JAO's accountability. These are the Board of Governance report on the C&AG's expenses and the JAO's independent auditor's report on the annual accounts; and
- the **Annual Accounts**.

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2021 was Lynn Pamment's second year in office as the C&AG. It was a year that saw the JAO share best practice in Annual Reporting through its Annual Reporting Good Practice Guide as well as a workshop that took place in December 2021. The C&AG also published:

- 6 reports on the Government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic
- 6 reports on other topics; and
- a Thinkpiece on Public Audit in Jersey.

Chair of the Board of Governance Grace Nesbitt said:

"In these challenging times for Jersey, the role of the Jersey Audit Office (JAO) in holding the States to account without fear or favour is more important than ever.

The Annual Report sets out the many achievements of the JAO and the arrangements in place to ensure that it is accountable. I would like to draw your attention to:

- the sheer volume of reports published by the JAO in 2021, especially considering the resources at its disposal
- the continued constructive relationship with the States; and
- the JAO's drive for improvement, both in the delivery of public services and for its own operations."

The 2021 Annual Report and Accounts can be found at: <https://www.jerseyauditoffice.je>

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- 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'
- The 2022 Audit Plan can be found at: www.jerseyauditoffice.je

- 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 fixed at seven years and is non-renewable.
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