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Jersey Audit Office turns 20!

This coming week marks the 20th anniversary of the Office of Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) for Jersey.

The C&AG Lynn Pamment CBE and Jersey Audit Office team will be marking the anniversary with a number of industry, government and public events.

C&AG for Jersey

The Office of Comptroller and Auditor General was established by the States of Jersey under the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005 to act as an independent authority with responsibility for public audit in Jersey. The move was part of a broader constitutional reform in 2005, designed to enhance scrutiny, transparency and good governance across the public sector.

The responsibilities of the C&AG, fulfilled through the Jersey Audit Office (JAO), relate to the accounts published by the States of Jersey and certain other States entities. The C&AG's remit also goes beyond financial statement audits and examines the wider use of public funds by assessing corporate governance, internal controls and value for money - which mirrors the role of audit institutions in other jurisdictions. The C&AG reports independently to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), the States Assembly, and Islanders. Her reports are publicly available on (www.jerseyauditoffice.je).

The past 20 years

Key milestones over the past 20 years include the Comptroller and Auditor General (Jersey) Law 2014 under which the 'Jersey Audit Office' as we know it today was set up, together with enhancements to the C&AG's duties and accountability, including a statutory requirement to publish audited accounts for the Office itself.

The 2014 Law also allowed for the establishment of a Board of Governance for the Office. This was set up in 2015.

In 2021 the JAO became an Associate Member of Eurorai – a Europe-wide network of regional public audit offices. This has strengthened the JAO's ability to uphold transparency and accountability through shared best practice and benchmarking activities.

Key highlights of the Anniversary (which falls on 14 September) include:

An **Annual Reporting Awards** event, recognising excellence in transparency and accountability in public annual reporting, taking place at the Société Jersiaise Members Room on Tuesday 16 September 2025.

Categories are:

- Most Improved Annual Report
- Most Accessible & Engaging Annual Report
- Best Remuneration & Staff Reporting (Small/Medium Entities)
- Best Remuneration & Staff Reporting (Large Entities)
- Best Sustainability Reporting
- Going Above & Beyond in Annual Reporting
- Best Annual Report (Small/Medium)
- Best Annual Report (Large)

On the day of the Awards the C&AG will also be publishing her updated **Annual Reporting Good Practice Guide** designed to support organisations in developing their public annual reporting.

The 10 days following the Anniversary date will see a number of in-house activities, workshops, and some drop-in sessions for Government colleagues. The programme concludes with public drop-in sessions on **Thursday 25 September**, which is also international 'Auditor Proud' Day.

The drop-in sessions are open to any members of the public, who would like to find out more about the work of the Office.

- JAO Offices, de Carteret House, 7 Castle Street, St Helier
- Between 0830 - 1230.

Commentary on the Anniversary, C&AG Lynn Pamment CBE said:

"Jersey's forward thinking approach of 20 years ago demonstrated the States' commitment to being open to independent scrutiny and assurance over corporate governance arrangements and the spending of public money.

"Over the years the JAO has grown from strength to strength and the stability and independent assurance brought by the JAO has become increasingly important to both government and the general public."

The Anniversary coincides with the States of Jersey opening up its recruitment process for a new C&AG, as the end of the current C&AG's fixed term of office approaches.

Lynn Pamment CBE is the third serving C&AG for Jersey. She has over 35 years' experience in the industry and was recognised in the King's 2024 New Year Honours List for her contribution to public sector financial reporting.

Lynn has dedicated herself to the Island since January 2020 and concludes her seven year fixed term of office in December 2026. The new appointment will also be for a seven year fixed term, starting 1 January 2027.

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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'
- The 2025 to 2028 Audit Plan can be found at: www.jerseyauditoffice.je
- Lynn Pamment CBE took up the role of Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) for Jersey from 1 January 2020. 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.
- The Office of Comptroller and Auditor General is known as the 'Jersey Audit Office'.
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