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ANNUAL LETTER AND ANNUAL REPORT PUBLISHED BY C&AG Comptroller & Auditor General issues latest report

The Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG), Karen McConnell, has today (04 September 2014) published her Annual Letter and Annual Report.

The Annual Letter draws together the results of all the C&AG's published reports, the work of auditors appointed by the C&AG and progress on implementing previous audit recommendations. The Annual Report is an accountability statement for the activities of the Jersey Audit Office (the JAO), the office of the C&AG.

Karen McConnell, said:

"Much has been achieved in the last 18 months, notably the creation of the JAO and recent agreement by the States Assembly of the public audit legislation. Following the establishment of the JAO, a comprehensive series of reports has been produced and all will be followed up in the next year. Much work remains to be done. The JAO is well placed to take forward its Audit Plan for the next 12 months, which will be published on our website in September.

The report will be available on the Jersey Audit Office's website from 0930 on 04 September at: <u>www.jerseyauditoffice.je</u>

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Notes to Editors:

- The Office of Comptroller & Auditor General ('C&AG') was established in 2005 under the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005
- The remit of the C&AG includes the audit of financial statements and wider consideration of public funds, often expressed as 'value for money'
- 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
- The Office of Comptroller & Auditor General is known as the 'Jersey Audit Office'
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Comptroller & Auditor General's Policy regarding issue of reports and contact with the media:

- Press releases will be published by the Jersey Audit Office to accompany the publication of each report
- Embargo times will be set at 0001 hours on day of publication for both 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
- 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
- All public information, including press releases and reports, are accessible on the Jersey Audit Office website at <u>www.jerseyauditoffice.je</u>

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