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# STATES OF JERSEY



## JERSEY COMPETITION REGULATORY AUTHORITY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE - APPOINTMENT

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Presented to the States on 14th August 2020  
by the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture

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## REPORT

Under Article 3(3A) of the [Competition Regulatory Authority \(Jersey\) Law 2001](#) (“the Law”), the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture is required to notify the States on appointments of members of the Jersey Competition regulatory Authority (“JCRA”).

After consultation with the JCRA Chair, Ms Stephanie Liston, and upon recommendation of the Board, the Minister has appointed Mr Tim Ringsdore to the Board of the JCRA under powers conferred by Article 3(1)(b) of the Law. The appointment is effective from 12th August 2020 and will expire on 31st December 2020. The appointment is also subject to Mr Ringsdore’s ongoing tenure as Chief Executive of the JCRA.

Mr Ringsdore will be eligible for reappointment. Any reappointment will be subject to the procedure as described in the Law, which requires the Minister to consult the Chair prior to making the appointment.

### **CICRA demerger**

States Members will be aware that since 1st July 2020, the JCRA functions independently under its own Board and staff, rather than working across the Channel Islands under the joint heading of the Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities (“CICRA”).

The Minister’s decision to withdraw from the CICRA arrangement is intended to enable the JCRA to better focus on the consumer matters that impact people in Jersey. A renewed focus by the JCRA on promoting competition can support Islanders’ living standards and improve the competitiveness of local businesses.

In addition, an Authority ready, equipped and fully focused on Jersey markets and competitive businesses will have an important role to play as the Island enters economic recovery following the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **Recommendation of Mr Ringsdore**

Shortly after the separation of the Authorities was announced, Mr Ringsdore was appointed to the role of interim Chief Executive of the JCRA, after having previously worked for the Authority as Director of Telecoms. As part of his role as Chief Executive, Mr Ringsdore is expected to sit on the Board of the Authority and the Minister has approved this appointment.

Mr Ringsdore has over 15 years extensive experience as a Managing Director within the telecoms industry, working at Board level across the Channel Islands, London and the Caribbean. This included working with various regulatory bodies and building strong relationships, which resulted in positive outcomes for all parties.

Mr Ringsdore was Managing Director of Jersey Telecom and was pivotal in setting up Wave Telecom in Guernsey in 2002. He had responsibility for consumers and corporate clients across both Islands. Mr Ringsdore was also instrumental in developing Jersey Telecom’s global business with the acquisition of Worldstone in 2012.

In the British Virgin Islands, Mr Ringsdore led Cable & Wireless as Managing Director. He had jurisdictional and overall financial responsibility for the Cable & Wireless business and was responsible for developing relationships with government, the industry regulator and corporate clients. During this time, he successfully restructured and rebranded the business to help improve credibility and the customer experience.

As the JCRA's director of Telecoms, Mr Ringsdore's focus has been on delivering strong results in support of the economic strategic objectives of the Government, helping to ensure that Islanders receive the best value, choice and access to high quality services in addition to promoting competition and consumers' interests.

Mr Ringsdore will replace Mr Michael Byrne as executive member on the Board of the JCRA. Mr Byrne previously served as the Chief Executive of both the JCRA and the Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority ("GCRA"). Mr Byrne's appointment to the Board of the JCRA automatically came to an end on 30th June 2020 as his appointment was subject to the continuance of the CICRA arrangement and his tenure as Chief Executive of both the JCRA and GCRA.

### **Resource implications**

The Office of the Chief Executive provides the Authority with an annual grant (core grant of £300,000 in 2020) to administer the [Competition \(Jersey\) Law 2005](#).

Fees payable to JCRA Board members are sourced from the annual grant made to the Authority as well as from the JCRA's own accounts.

There are no other financial or manpower implications for the Government of Jersey.