
STATES OF JERSEY



JERSEY COMPETITION REGULATORY AUTHORITY: APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER

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REPORT

Under Article 3(3) of the Competition Regulatory Authority (Jersey) Law 2001, the Minister for Economic Development is required to notify the States of appointments of members of the Jersey Competition and Regulatory Authority (JCRA).

The Minister has appointed Mr. John Curran to the Board of the JCRA, with effect from 1st October 2010 until 31st January 2013. Mr. Curran was appointed Executive Director of the JCRA on a contract for services after discussion between the Authority and the Appointment's Commission and the States were informed by Ministerial Statement on 6th July 2010.

John Curran is currently the Director General of the Office of Utility Regulation (OUR) in Guernsey and was appointed to that position in February 2005. He was previously Director of Regulation with the OUR since April 2003, and prior to this worked as Regulatory Adviser with Telstra, the Australian telecoms incumbent. During 2001 Mr. Curran spent 6 months working as a Regulatory Consultant with the OUR in its start-up phase, helping to design and implement the new regulatory framework.

During his career, Mr. Curran has spent 4 years with the Office of the Director of Telecommunications Regulation (now ComReg) in Ireland and the Irish Regulatory Agency for Telecommunications and Post, where he was Regulatory Manager with the Market Operations Division during the liberalisation of the telecoms market. From 1999, he directed the international work of the ODTR with other National Regulatory Agencies and with the European Commission on the new regulatory framework in Europe.

The opportunity to increase co-operation between Jersey and Guernsey in the areas of competition and utility regulation is an unprecedented one and, for this reason, the Chairman and the Minister agree that it is in the best interests both of the JCRA and the wider Jersey economy that he be appointed.