## **STATES OF JERSEY**



## JERSEY COMPETITION REGULATORY AUTHORITY: RE-APPOINTMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Presented to the States on 14th July 2010 by the Minister for Economic Development

## **STATES GREFFE**

## **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 re-appointed, for a term of 2 years, with effect from 2nd August 2010, Mr. Robert Foster as a non-executive member of the JCRA.

Robert Foster was, until September 2004, Chief Executive of the Competition Commission. He has also held a number of senior posts in Whitehall, including responsibility for the Department of Trade and Industry's innovation expenditure and Director of Aerospace and Defence Industries. He has handled major projects, including the planning and setting-up of the Office of Science and Technology, and chairing the Project Board of the PFI Project to rebuild the National Physical Laboratory.

Previously he was an engineering manager in the telecommunications and electronics industries. He holds a number of Non-Executive Director appointments, including the board of King's College Hospital NHS Trust, the UK National Lottery Commission, and is a member of the Advisory Council of Oxford Capital Partners.

Mr. Foster has served for 6 years as Non-Executive Director of the JCRA and over that period has developed an in-depth knowledge and understanding of regulation and the implementation of competition law in Jersey. With the recent appointment of the new Chairman, and imminent departures of both the Executive Director and another Board Member, Robert Foster will be the longest-serving Board member and an asset to the Board to ensure continuity. For this reason, both 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 re-appointed.