



Scrutiny Office

Mr Michael Byrne
Chief Executive, Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities
By email

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Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel
Demerging Jersey and Guernsey competition authorities

Dear Mr Byrne

I write in relation to the recent announcement that the Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities (CICRA) will demerge into its constituent parts of the JCRA and the GCRA from 1st July 2020.

The Panel would like to gain an understanding of what you perceive to be the reasons behind this decision, its timing and CICRA's role as a stakeholder in the decision-making process.

In addition, we would also like to understand the ways in which you think competition regulation will be affected, positively or negatively, by the decision.

Specifically, we would be grateful if you could respond to the following questions:

1. What are your views on the effects of the separation of the regulatory authorities?
2. Were you and your office consulted with before the decision and to your knowledge were any other stakeholders?
3. The announcement mentions a postponement due to the Covid-19 crisis, but because of Guernsey's regulatory plans, an implementation date was required. From a logistical point of view, how will the separation be managed?
4. What work is CICRA currently undertaking and will any of it need to be managed across jurisdictions beyond the end of June?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Chair
Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel