

# STATES OF JERSEY



## COVID-19 RELATED EMERGENCY SUPPORT SCHEME (R.50/2021): EXECUTIVE RESPONSE

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Presented to the States on 12th May 2021  
by the Public Accounts Committee

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## FOREWORD

In accordance with paragraphs 64-66 of the [Code of Practice](#) for engagement between ‘Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee’ and ‘the Executive’, (as derived from the [Proceedings Code of Practice](#)) the Public Accounts Committee presents the Executive Response to the Comptroller and Auditor General’s Report entitled: [Covid-19 Related Emergency Support Scheme \(CRESS\)](#) (R.50/2021 presented to the States on 30th March 2021).

The Committee notes that both recommendations of the C&AG’s first report on Covid-related matters have been accepted in full and intends to undertake a full review once the C&AG has completed her 6<sup>th</sup> and final report in the series.

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Chair, Public Accounts Committee

**The Chief Executive, Treasurer and Director General  
of Customer and Local Services' Response to C&AG  
Review: CRESS**

**May 2021**

**Glossary of Terms**

C&AG – Comptroller and Auditor General

CLS – Customer and Local Services

CRESS – Covid -19 – Related Emergency Support Scheme

OpCo - Operating Committee

**Review title: C&AG Review: [CRESS](#) - Executive Response to PAC by 6th May 2021 please.**

Summary of response

We welcome the C&AG report which recognises the need for Government to act quickly to address an area of great need during a time of great uncertainty for many islanders.

Action Plan

Recommendation	Action	Target date	Responsible Officer
<p><b>R1</b> Ensure business cases for new schemes document the following clearly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the level of risk appetite and its consequences</li> <li>• specific risks relating to value for money, fraud and corruption and resourcing and delivery</li> <li>• the purpose of eligibility criteria (including details of how compliance with the criteria will be monitored); and</li> <li>• scheme success and evaluation criteria.</li> </ul>	<p>We will review these recommendations and update the sections of the Public Finance Manual for new schemes.</p> <p>These updates will be included in future Public Finance Manual training and awareness sessions.</p>	<p><b>31/12/2021</b></p>	<p><b>Treasurer of the States</b></p>
<p><b>R2</b> Consider how the lessons and recommendations identified from CRESS can be shared and taken forward corporately as well as within CLS.</p>	<p>Lessons learned from this review will be shared at OpCo which includes senior leaders from each department of government.</p> <p>As per R1 above, training and awareness sessions will include examples from the CRESS scheme and CAG report.</p>	<p><b>30/09/2021</b></p> <p><b>31/12/2021</b></p>	<p><b>DG of CLS</b></p> <p><b>Treasurer of the States</b></p>

Recommendations not accepted

None