



## **PRESS RELEASE**

**EMBARGOED TO 1000 HOURS, 26 June 2002**

### **JERSEY COMPETITION REGULATORY AUTHORITY HOLDS INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON REGULATION IN SMALL STATES**

The Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) is hosting an industry symposium on telecoms regulation in small states on Thursday 27 and Friday 28 June. Delegates will be attending from authorities in the Isle of Man, Ireland, Malta, Jamaica, Gibraltar and others. It is hoped that this will be the inaugural meeting for a grouping of regulators from small states.

The Chairman of the JCRA, Dr Patrick McNutt, believes that small states create a very unique situation with regard to the regulation of industries such as telecoms. In recent years small states have started to move towards liberalising their telecoms markets. Dr McNutt believes that *'the symposium will give regulators from small states the opportunity to learn from shared experiences, to develop best practice and to discuss progression in a fast developing field'*.

On the first day of the symposium delegates will consider 'Telecoms in the British Isles' when Barry Doherty of the Office of the Director of Telecommunications Regulation in Ireland and Anthony Hewitt of the Communications Commission, Isle of Man will be speaking. On Friday morning Vincent Power of A & L Goodbody, Dublin and Professor Martin Cave of the Centre for Management under Regulation, Warwick Business School, will speak on the subject of 'Regulation and Competition'. In the afternoon delegates will be addressed by key figures in the local telecoms industry, Peter Funk of Newtel Solutions and John Henwood of Jersey Telecom who will initiate discussions on the topic of 'The Regulator & The Regulated'.

**-(Ends)-**

**For further information, please contact:**

Charles Latham, Executive Director of the JCRA  
Telephone: 514990