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JCRA Market Review of Motor Fuels and Heating Oil Markets

The Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) is asking motorists and householders to take part in two surveys to determine their views towards the cost of petrol and heating oil and their ability to obtain the best price.

The JCRA previously announced in March that it was conducting two market studies to review the sale and supply of motor fuels and heating oil in the Jersey market. The responses from these surveys will form a significant part of these reviews.

John Curran, JCRA Executive Director, said the aim of the petrol survey was to help inform the JCRA about whether consumer behaviour currently influences pricing and whether the price of petrol was adequately displayed by all forecourts.

“We want to ensure that the market is working well and that motorists can purchase motor fuel at the best price possible and one of the best ways to help understand how the market works is to ask the motorists themselves” Mr Curran said.

The JCRA is also investigating the heating oil market to assess whether the market is working as effectively as possible for the benefit of Jersey consumers.

“The survey will help us analyse how the market is currently working, whether consumers are restricting their use of oil due to the cost and also we’ll consider householders’ ability to switch to alternatives,” Mr Curran said.

“We also want to form an impression of whether consumers shop around on price and we need as many people as possible to take part in the survey to help us do this.”

Each online questionnaire is available from the JCRA’s website www.jcra.je. Hard copies may also be obtained directly from the offices of the JCRA. The surveys will be available from 10 May and respondents have until 28 May to complete either or both surveys.

All enquiries should be directed to the JCRA’s Executive Director, John Curran, on +44 (0)1534 514990.

About the JCRA

The JCRA is an independent authority established by the States of Jersey to enforce Jersey’s competition law and regulate its telecommunication and postal sectors. In each of these areas, the JCRA’s primary mission is to promote consumer welfare through efforts that encourage lower prices and greater choice and innovation in the goods and services available in Jersey. The JCRA is recognized internationally as a leading voice in the application of competition law and policy in small economies.

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