



CICRA media release

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Regulator releases Strategic Plan and work programme

CICRA (the Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities) has released its work programme for 2014.

The programme outlines the regulator's projects in the areas of competition law and utility regulation, as well as the market studies to be conducted this year.

CICRA's programme of market studies includes reviews of the islands' primary health care sector, and the supply of aviation and marine fuel. It is proposed that both reviews will be conducted on a pan-Channel Island basis.

The telecoms programme includes the on-going review of the business connectivity market, with the aim of ensuring businesses have appropriate choice, quality and fair prices for such services. The allocation of spectrum for LTE purposes is a further substantial work area, which seeks to make new spectrum available in 2014 so that consumers in the Channel Islands have access to 4G services.

CICRA chief executive, Andrew Riseley, said: "We are mindful of our mandate to ensure we promote value, choice and quality in the goods and services available to Channel Islands consumers, and this work programme seeks to deliver this for the Channel Islands."

To view the 2014 Strategic Plan and work programme, please visit the CICRA website: www.cicra.gg.

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About CICRA:

The Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities or 'CICRA' is the name given to the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) and the Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority (GCRA) (formerly the Office of Utility Regulation). The JCRA was established under the Competition Regulatory Authority (Jersey) Law, 2001, and the GCRA was established under The Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2012. In Jersey, the telecoms and postal sectors are regulated by the JCRA, which is also responsible for administering and enforcing the Competition (Jersey) Law 2005. In Guernsey the telecoms, postal and electricity sectors are regulated by the GCRA, which is also responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Guernsey competition law since it came into force on 1 August 2012.

By working together and sharing resources and expertise between the islands, CICRA strives to ensure that consumers in all the Channel Islands receive best value, choice and access to high quality services.