

## NEWS RELEASE

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## **NEW NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CICRA**

The Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities (CICRA) has appointed John Curran as a non-executive director.

He will replace Philip Marsden who has completed his term of office, having served on the Board of CICRA since September 2010.

Mr Curran is a former Chief Executive of CICRA and led the merger of the Guernsey and Jersey regulators in 2010. He was Director General of the Guernsey Office of Utility Regulation from January 2005 before being asked to also head up the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority in 2010.

He is currently a Non-Executive Director of the Channel Islands Financial Ombudsman and of the Guernsey Data Protection Authority. He is a non-voting member of the States of Guernsey Transport Licensing Authority and is chairman of Guernsey Mind.

Before moving full time to Guernsey in 2003, John worked for a period with the largest telecoms provider in Australia, Telstra. Prior to this he worked for a number of years with the Irish telecoms regulator, Comreg, where he was involved with the introduction of competition to the communications market there.

CICRA chairman, Michael O'Higgins, said: "John's experience, not just of the work we do, but in the wider field of competition law and sector regulation will significantly strengthen the Board and his knowledge and understanding of the challenges faced will undoubtedly help focus our efforts to deliver pragmatic and innovative regulatory solutions in the Channel islands."

Mr Curran said: "I'm looking forward to joining the CICRA Board. The regulatory environment has evolved since I was previously with the organisation and I anticipate new challenges. I believe my experience can contribute to the continued development of CICRA and ensuring the delivery of first-class outcomes for the Channel Islands economies".

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## About The Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities:

The Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities 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.