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CICRA sets out its priorities in Competition law and Economic Regulation for 2020

The Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities (The Authority) has issued its work programme for 2020. These cover its competition law enforcement role across the Channel Islands as well as its role as economic regulator of telecoms in both Guernsey and Jersey, harbours and airport in Jersey, electricity in Guernsey and the Jersey postal sector. In November it circulated draft work programmes and asked stakeholders for views and having considered those it has now published the areas it will prioritise over 2020.

As well as its competition enforcement role and oversight of notifiable mergers, it intends to continue its successful seminar programme as part of its advocacy initiative. This aims to avoid unnecessary contraventions by helping businesses understand their legal obligations as well as assist them in spotting anti-competitive behaviour.

In telecoms, supporting the islands' path to next generation connectivity and establishing a fairer playing field for competitors feature strongly in its priorities. In electricity, it will rely on the forthcoming energy policy informing its priorities and anticipates applications for tariff increases from GEL. It expects to maintain more of a watching brief over airport and harbours in Jersey given the recently concluded five year price control and expects a similar role in post.

The full set of work programmes are published on www.cicra.gg.

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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.

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