

Construction Sector Review: Case Opening Statement

The Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (**the Authority**) will be carrying out a sector review of Construction in Jersey. The review will explore the structure and features of the sector, with a view to understanding whether there are any competition issues for the Authority to consider. This will include consideration of market characteristics and the operation of the market for consumers and businesses, and where relevant, comparative data and information will be used to benchmark the industry.

In particular, the review will consider:

- Recent and future demand and sector outcomes.
- Market structure and the nature of competition across the construction supply chain.
- Market characteristics, features or otherwise, which potentially impact competition.
- Comparative information and data, to inform cost, price and other potential benchmarks.
- Consumer and business experiences of the local construction sector.

For the purposes of the review, construction encompasses building-related activities, planning processes, supply and demand for materials and resources, and processes related to the development, construction, refurbishment, maintenance and installation of buildings, facilities, and services.

Subject to completion of the above, the Authority will develop draft findings setting out potential areas of focus for competition policy. This will inform the Authority's next steps, which are likely to take the form of separate follow up projects such as targeted market studies, or advocacy work. Note, if as part of the review, evidence was found of breaches of the competition law, the Authority may consider competition enforcement.

Formal work on the review will start in September 2024 and the review will be completed in 2025. The Authority's draft findings will be published for consultation in the first half of 2025.