
STATES OF JERSEY



JERSEY COMPETITION REGULATORY AUTHORITY: APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS

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by the Minister for Economic Development**

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REPORT

Appointment of Mr. Michael Byrne and Mrs. Louise Read to the Board of the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority under Article 3(1)(b) of the Competition Regulatory Authority (Jersey) Law 2001 (the Law).

Under Article 3(3) of the Law, the Minister for Economic Development is required to notify the States of appointments of members of the Jersey Competition and Regulatory Authority (JCRA).

After consultation with the Chairman of the JCRA (Mr. Mark Boleat), the Minister has appointed Mr. Michael Byrne and Mrs. Louise Read to the Board of the JCRA, with effect from 24th July 2012 for 5 year terms (in accordance with Article 4(2) of the Law), until 23rd July 2017.

Michael Byrne is a regulatory economist who has extensive experience applying regulatory and competition powers in the UK energy, media and telecoms sectors. He joined the Guernsey Office of Utility Regulation (OUR) in May 2005, and was appointed to the position of Deputy Director General in December 2007. Prior to joining the OUR he headed Retail Competition at Ofgem, where he led the UK's first Super-complaint investigation. He also has considerable experience in the media and telecoms sectors using competition powers to carry out various investigations. During his time at the Independent Television Commission he was part of a small regulatory team that oversaw the transition of pay TV to digital technology, developing the code on Electronic Programme Guides and undertaking a range of competition investigations in the pay TV and cable sectors. He has advised the OFT and Competition Commission on various merger cases. His experience covers micro and macro economics, and before his relocation to the UK he was chief statistician at a consultancy in the dairy industry in South Africa.

Mr. Byrne holds a Diploma in Company Direction from the Institute of Directors and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Warwick. He has a post graduate qualification from Kings College, London, in European Competition Law as well as an OFT accredited qualification from the University of Nottingham Trent in UK Competition Law. He holds a first class honours Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematical Statistics from the University of Natal, South Africa, and a Bachelor of Science degree studying Statistics, Economics and Mathematics from the same university.

As Finance and Operations Manager for the JCRA, Mrs. Read has overseen the appointment process for the Chief Executive and for the Non-Executive Members of the Board, therefore avoiding the need to employ consultants. She has been almost wholly responsible for the integration of the Jersey and Guernsey organisations. She has a major role in developing strategy and has increasingly been involved in the policy side of the work and in stakeholder engagement. She also adds a valuable local perspective to some of the issues the JCRA deals with.

On 24th July 2012, the Commerce and Employment Board in Guernsey unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Byrne and Mrs. Read as members of the GCRA. Given that the JCRA and GCRA now share a common board, the Minister and the Chairman feel that it is essential that there be uniformity in their board structures.

Due to the unavoidable absence of the Minister for Economic Development, this decision has been made by the Chief Minister.

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Note

As a result of an administrative oversight this Report was not presented to the States Assembly immediately after the signing of the Ministerial Decision.