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£200,000 GRANT TO FILM COMPANY: SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

This morning PAC will present to the States its supplementary report on the £200,000 grant to film company Canbedone Productions. Deputy Tracey Vallois, the Chairman of the PAC, will also make a supporting statement in the States Assembly.

Deputy Vallois said -

'The main focus of our follow-up report is not the ongoing delay in the production of a film in Jersey, although we note that filming of The Crystal Island did not start on 27th January, as the public were told it would. Neither is it the improper instructions given to the Chief Internal Auditor last year, although we do express concern at that particular development. Our primary focus is on the lessons the executive still needs to learn from the Canbedone affair.'

'The lessons to be learned are quite simple. Departments need to be clear about what they are trying to deliver when spending significant sums of taxpayer's money and they need to ensure they get the basics right in conjunction with robust action plans in order to achieve those aims. When things don't go according to plan, there also needs to be a shift in culture to embrace constructive feedback and learn from mistakes, so as to improve standards for the public next time around. PAC has still to be convinced that the culture shift required for these lessons to be learned by departments is, or will be, put in place.'

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Notes to Editors:

PAC's report is numbered PAC.1/2014. Copies will be available online at www.scrutiny.gov.je from 09.30 am today.

For further information please contact Deputy Tracey Vallois, Chairman, PAC: Tel:: 07829 831902. Deputy Vallois will, however, be attending the States Assembly tomorrow morning. Requests for interviews may therefore be best directed to the Clerk in the first instance (Tel: 441026 or e-mail. i.clarkson@gov.je).

