

## **Public Accounts Committee**

## 2nd April 2015

## PAC to Follow up C&AG's Report on Financial Management

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has today received the Comptroller and Auditor General's report on financial management.

Deputy Andrew Lewis, Chairman of the PAC, said -

'This report is a wake-up call for everyone with an interest in how the government spends public money.

'The public should be concerned as it would appear that government has not been reporting on its financial performance as clearly as it could have been. States Members should be concerned because there are weaknesses in the system that hinder the States Assembly when holding departments to account for their spending. The PAC is concerned that existing financial management arrangements appear to be holding back the public sector reform agenda.

'I will today be writing to the Chief Executive and the Treasurer of the States asking them to explain to PAC how they are responding to the C&AG's recommendations.'

-Ends-

## **Notes to Editors**

PAC's membership is as follows -

Deputy Andrew Lewis (Chairman)
Deputy Scott Wickenden (Vice-Chairman)
Connétable Christopher Taylor
Deputy Judy Martin
Mr. Gary Drinkwater
Mr. Robert Parker

Mr. Michael Robinson

PAC's terms of reference are set out in <u>Standing Order 132 of the States of Jersey</u>. The Committee is next due to meet on 20th April.

Deputy Lewis is available for interviews after 1.30 pm today on 07797711042.