



CICRA media release

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CICRA announces chief executive appointment

Michael Byrne has been appointed as chief executive of CICRA (The Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities) after a period as interim chief executive.

CICRA, which encompasses the Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority (GCRA), formerly known as the Office of Utility Regulation (OUR), and the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA), made the appointment following former chief executive Andrew Riseley's decision to relocate closer to his home in Australia.

Mr Byrne joined the OUR in May 2005 and was appointed to the position of deputy director general (later deputy chief executive) in December 2007. He has extensive experience applying regulation and competition law in the broadcasting, telecommunications, postal and energy sectors in the UK and Channel Islands. He has been in the role of interim-chief executive since Mr Riseley's announcement in March 2014.

Economic Development Minister, Senator Alan Maclean, said: "EDD has worked closely with CICRA for a number of years and we are anticipating a year of significant progress in telecommunications. Michael's appointment as chief executive provides a high level of continuity and his experience has already proven invaluable."

Commerce and Employment Minister, Deputy Kevin Stewart, said: "The Board would like to congratulate Michael on his appointment and look forward to continuing to

work with the CICRA team, under his leadership, going forward. From a regulatory perspective there are both challenges and opportunities ahead in what is a fast evolving marketplace. Michael is well placed to take on this key role with his detailed knowledge of the Channel Island markets and breadth of regulatory and economic experience. We wish him well”.

Mr Byrne said: “My focus is continuing the delivery of CICRA’s 2014 work programme of pan-Channel Island regulatory and competition law activities on both islands ensuring that consumers across the Channel Islands receive the best value, choice and access to high quality services.”

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About CICRA:

The Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities or 'CICRA' 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.

By working together and sharing resources and expertise between the islands, CICRA strives to ensure that consumers in all the Channel Islands receive best value, choice and access to high quality services.