



# Media Release

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## **Chief Minister to outline challenges facing Jersey in 2017 at IoD lunch**

Chief Minister Ian Gorst will be talking to business leaders in Jersey on **Thursday 15 December**, at the last Institute of Directors' lunch for the year, sponsored by JT.

Senator Gorst's talk is titled 'A review of 2016 and the challenges facing Jersey in 2017' and will take place at The Grand Jersey Hotel & Spa in St Helier. The lunch will take place between 12 pm and 2 pm.

Senator Gorst was first elected to the States as a Deputy of St Clement in 2005 and re-elected in 2008. He moved to the Senatorial benches three years later and was appointed Chief Minister in November 2011. He was re-elected both as a Senator and Chief Minister in 2014. As Chairman of the Council of Ministers, Senator Gorst's responsibilities include States' strategic and long-term planning, including population policy; the States Employment Board; constitutional affairs, including safeguarding human rights and constitutional reform; justice policy and resources, legal services; and financial services, the digital sector as well as competition and innovation policies.

Senator Gorst said: "We are living in exciting but uncertain times. Jersey has seen stronger than expected economic growth and private sector employment is at an all-time high, but we have yet to feel the full impact of Brexit. When States Members approved the Medium Term Financial Plan they gave the go-ahead for many projects that will make a real difference to Islanders and we are now pushing ahead with that work. I will be updating IoD members on the government's programme of work and explain how it will benefit local businesses, residents and future generations of Islanders."

IoD Jersey Chairman Chris Clark said: "This lunch is one of our most over-subscribed events of the year because we all know how important it is for the States and business to work together on policy, the economy and ultimately delivering a prosperous and effective community. What Senator Gorst says to the IoD will influence decisions taken in the boardroom and beyond so his talk is eagerly anticipated."

Paul D Taylor, Managing Director of JT's Global Enterprise Business Unit, said: "JT is proud to sponsor this series of IoD lunches because we appreciate their value to the business

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community. The strategic direction set by the Chief Minister and his Council has a significant influence on the direction of the Island's economy and I'm sure business leaders will be keen to hear how Senator Gorst plans to guide Jersey through 2017 and beyond."

Event details can be found at [www.iod.je](http://www.iod.je).

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## **NOTES TO EDITOR**

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