

Ministerial Decision – Appointment of Director of FIU– Supplemental Report

The Proceeds of Crime (Financial Intelligence) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 2022 will come into force on 26th July 2023.

As a consequence of these regulations coming into force there are two foundational appointments that the Minister is required to make.

This report deals with the second of these appointments, namely the requirement for the Minister to appoint the Director of the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU).

Regulation 2C (1) of the above-mentioned Regulations states that “The Minister must appoint the Director of the FIU”.

The Director of the FIU is responsible for the leading and directing the FIU in the performance of its functions, which are as follows;

- To receive, gather, store, analyse and disseminate information about financial crime (whether in Jersey or elsewhere);
- To receive suspicious activity reports and other disclosures of information about financial crime;
- To assist with the prevention and detection of financial crime.

The analysis function consists primarily of Operational Analysis which focuses on individual cases and specific targets, or on particular information, and seeks to identify links between those cases and targets and possible financial crime; and Strategic Analysis addressing financial crime trends and patterns.

For the purpose of exercising its functions, the Director of the FIU may make arrangements, or enter into agreements, with other Jersey competent authorities; financial intelligence unit outside Jersey; overseas competent authorities; or any other person that the FIU considers appropriate.

It is recommended that the Minister appoint Mr. Jonathan Groom as the Director of the Financial Intelligence Unit.

The appointment is on the recommendation of the FIU Governance Board (“the Board”) established by virtue of the Proceeds of Crime (Financial Intelligence) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 2022

The recommendation of the Board and the appointment process follows a recruitment exercise overseen by the Jersey Appointments Commission in line with standard Government of Jersey recruitment procedures.

Mr. Groom has an extensive professional background in intelligence management in both the public and private sector. He also has extensive experience in Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing compliance, having recently served as the Head of the Wolfsberg Group secretariat.