



JFSC and Industry agree terrorist financing is highest risk on spectrum for Jersey firms

Both the Jersey Financial Services Commission (JFSC) and Industry have agreed that terrorist financing and secondarily financial crime more generally pose the most severe of the different risks facing firms in Jersey.

The finding comes following the results of the JFSC's Risk Overview survey which have been published today (5 September 2016) and will help determine the regulator's enhanced approach to risk-based supervision.

In June, the JFSC asked approximately 300 compliance officers to complete the survey in order to establish the relative severity of impact risks to Jersey organisations. More than a third of recipients completed the survey and the results have now been compared with the responses from JFSC staff, who also completed the survey.

The combined results show a clear alignment of opinion between Industry and the JFSC, with financial crime risks being seen as the most severe risk. Other risks cited included financial failure, loss of confidential data, reputationally damaging products, market abuse, loss through malpractice or incompetence, and business disruption.

Due to these shared views, the results from both Industry and JFSC have been combined and will now be used directly in the regulator's risk assessments. Industry has therefore been able to directly contribute towards the JFSC's risk-based approach to supervision.

Head of Supervisory Risk, Andrew Garbutt commented:

"The survey generated a very positive response from Industry with over 100 respondents completing the survey. A number of the respondents commented that completing the survey generated useful discussions around risk in their firms. Knowing that the JFSC and Industry have a shared view on which risks are the most serious gives us a sound platform for our further development of our approach to risk"

The JFSC has e-mailed Compliance Officers to directly share the results of the survey.

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Notes to Editors

The JFSC Risk- Overview Survey can be viewed [here](#)

The Severity Survey Results can be viewed [here](#)