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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **BML uses anniversary to underline commitment to atolls**

On the occasion of its 32nd anniversary today, BML took the opportunity to emphasise its commitment to the atolls. CEO & Managing Director, Andrew Healy was keen to emphasise how BML differs from most other banks operating in this country.

He stated, "As we mark 32 years in business today, BML is the only Bank in this country that is showing a deep commitment to the atolls. We make 2,000 Dhoni Banking visits a year. We deliver 16,000 pension payments. We have branches in 20 atolls and we are steadily growing our branch and ATM presence. We support small businesses and students both directly and through at least 5 government schemes.

"And perhaps most importantly, we have started a programme to deliver cash and deposit services to 176 islands which up until now have lacked basic banking services. Our Bank is sometimes criticised, perhaps justifiably, for shortcomings in customer service. But I think it is easy to forget the extent to which we are supporting communities throughout this country."

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