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Submission To The Scrutiny  
Review on Acceptance of CASH  
PAYMENTS.

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Dear Sirs,

I strongly believe that the acceptance of cash payments must continue even if this ideal needs to be enshrined in law for it to be achieved.

My parents and grandparents fought for Freedom in two world wars and were occupied here for five years and then liberated. Freedom of choice should therefore be paramount for Jersey.

I have cards and cash but I want to keep the right to choose how I pay for goods and services. If organisations want my custom then they will have to facilitate my choice of payment. If they do not then they forfeit my good will and I will go elsewhere. I am currently carrying out my own boycott of organisations which do not accept cash. I simply refuse to be mandated to in this way.

Besides freedom of choice I believe there are several other reasons why cash must be protected and I will list some of them here :-

- 1) People without cards are discriminated against
- 2) People with a tight cash budget are penalised

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- ③ Staff / employees may feel they are not trusted by their employers to handle cash.
- ④ During power cuts / Electricity outages shops cannot operate. If cash is accepted they can.
- ⑤ Currency is a legal currency of the realm. It has the picture of the monarch. To ban the acceptance of cash shows disrespect to the King. Businesses who refuse cash are disrespectful to our Royal Family and the British way of life.
- ⑥ Banning cash could be seen as the beginning of a slippery slope to complete digitalisation of society. Again I advocate freedom of choice. If people want to live their life "on Line" they should be allowed to do so. My own children have everything on their phones and good luck to them. But the rest of us should not be forced to do the same. This may work in twenty or thirty years when my generation are long gone, but not yet! We are still here!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my views on this subject, and good luck with your deliberations

Yours Sincerely

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