

Dear Senator Perchard,

I write in response to the Scrutiny Panel's call for comments on the issue of increasing the budget of Jersey Overseas Aid. I was one of the signatories to the letter published in the JEP in 2004 calling for an increase to 0.7% of GNI, and I would like you to know that I still stand by that letter.

Although we are not a "nation", we are committed to strengthening our international personality and, therefore, we should stand proudly with similar communities on the matter of overseas aid, i.e., with the 15 affluent nations of Europe which have pledged to meet the target of 0.7% of their GNI by 2015 at the latest.

Yours sincerely,

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