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Our Ref: GJI/sf

Dear Deputy Ryan 

Re: Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel: Review of draft GST law

Dr Porcherot has asked me to reply to your letter of the 23rd May.

I enclose a copy of a letter dated the 9th November 2004 from the JMS addressed to Senator Le Sueur setting out our concerns about goods and services tax and medical services.

The sentiments expressed in this letter still stand.

While we understand that the more exemptions the more complicated the tax will be to apply we do not feel this is sufficient justification for the States to seek to raise revenue by taxing people for being ill. As my last sentence says while we have a choice for the most part in what goods and services we buy this does not apply when someone is ill. If exceptions can be made for financial services then they should certainly be made for medical services.

I should be happy to discuss the matter with you further if you wish on behalf of the Medical Society.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely



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9 November 2004

Dear Senator Le Sueur

Re: Goods and Services Tax

I am writing on behalf of the Jersey Medical Society concerning the proposed goods and services tax to request the consideration of your Committee that this should not be imposed on health services.

General Practitioners in particular are concerned about any added cost applied to patients seeing the doctor and the effect that this will have on their access to the services. We do not believe that applying a tax to the sick and ill for accessing medical services is a right and proper method for the States to generate income, regardless of any special help that you may plan to give to less well off members of society.

We take your point that the more exceptions there are the higher a goods and services tax would become but we believe in making this request to you we would have the support of the general public; while we have a choice for the most part in what goods and services we buy this does not apply when someone is ill.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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