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Shadow Scrutiny Panel Inquiry.
Senator E.P. Vibert.

Dear Sir.

I write to your panel as chairman of the working party to the proposed Jersey Land Owners Association. At a meeting of landowners the following items were of concern.

- a. It was questioned whether it is appropriate for landowners to have to pay both foncier and occupier Parish rates if their land was not let to a tenant. Previously if land was not let on the first of January no rates were charged. In fact as the only place in Europe that charges rates on land a case can be made to end to it altogether.
- b. The current subsidies to agricultural exporters has more regard to maintaining the environment, than as previously to encourage export volume. If land is not required for agricultural purposes, the responsibility for the upkeep falls back on the landowner. It would appear reasonable that if the Island does not want to see fields abandoned and neglected an environment subsidy should be available to the landowner.
- c. It is envisaged that up to 9000 verges could become vacant in the near future . This is due to the reduction in cattle, and less Jersey Royals and other crops being grown. The need to relax some government restrictions on land, to allow other rural uses. This would be helpful to the landowners and groups planning leisure and sports activities.

We would like to request the opportunity to meet your panel and discuss these points in more detail.

Yours sincerely


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