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In the Jersey Evening Post on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January you are reported as saying:

“It is a great honour to stage the conference but I’m afraid it would be highly embarrassing if we were to host a global event with the industry in its current parlous state. I hope it will be an impetus for some firm decisions to be made.

I’m afraid that the dairy industry here has been in a vacuum for a long time waiting for some political leadership. There are many issues to address, including semen importation, marketing, the dairy and slurry waste on farms, and we have to emphasise to politicians that urgent decisions are needed because farmers have to know if there is a future for this industry before they invest.

Jersey cows produce the highest quality milk in the world and the breed is the only one increasing in number globally – however, the success of the cow overseas is sadly not reflected in the Island where it originates.

It needs to be addressed and I hope the conference will help to get things moving.”

If you made this statement were you speaking as the President of the RJA or in a private capacity? If you were speaking for the RJA&HS, should you not have made it clear that the Society you represent had recently voted on the subject? If you were speaking in a private capacity should you not have made that clear and dissociated yourself from the views of the Society of which you are President?

Turning now to the W.J.C.B. Conference, if I may, should any decision regarding the importation of semen be taken before the conference is held? I ask this as breeders around the world may have differing views.

In 1979 The Blanc Pignon Herd was subject to a classification exercise by breeders from different countries. The results were interesting in that it was quite clear that not all breeders were

looking for the same qualities or configuration. You may remember the differing views between those Judges from, say, New Zealand and those from Denmark.

With kind regards.

Yours ever,

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