

I have been advised to email you because of your scrutiny position.

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> We are not happy with the 3% GST that we will have to pay in 2008. In the UK this is exempt from VAT.

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> I have a child at a fee-paying Catholic school and I am a very active member of the PTA, I also chair a sub committee. Unlike other schools the PTA have to pay for many essential items this even included a photocopier recently. I believe we do get a small grant from the States although certain criteria have to be met to do so such as the annual fee increase to keep staff salaries in line with the other schools. Catholic Schools don't get the same level of support from the States as do the two Colleges.

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> The Catholic schools' in 2001 had around 1,800 children, this then, represented a saving to the tax payer of £1.5 million, today this would be around £5.4 million for fees alone. If you take into account the other fee paying schools the costs are astronomic – yes it's our choice to use these schools.

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> Many parents make sacrifices to send their children to fee-paying schools and this is especially true in our catholic faith schools. We get no tax relief for this either.

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> How would the States schools cater for 1,800 plus new children? The States don't offer this Religious type learning environment. My view is that, unlike other fee-paying schools, the Church schools are a special case and should be exempt from GST. Each of the three schools was founded by a Religious Order to provide Catholic education in Jersey.

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> Tim Langlois