

**2.2 Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding the possibility of granting Parish Committees and private Battle of Flowers entrants charity status:**

Will the Minister grant both parish committees and private Battle of Flowers entrants the same status as charities and zero rate the Goods and Service Tax in respect of costs associated with building and decorating parade floats?

**Senator T.A. Le Sueur (The Minister for Treasury and Resources):**

As the States have already agreed, any registered charity will be entitled to favourable treatment in respect of G.S.T. (Goods and Services Tax). It is open to any competitors in the Battle of Flowers who feel they qualify for such treatment to apply for registration as a charity to the Comptroller of Income Tax. Once registered they would then pay and recover in the normal way.

**2.2.1 Deputy K.C. Lewis:**

If that was not a favourable option, Sir, will the Minister consult with his fellow Ministers with a view to increasing the grant to parish organisations and private individuals to compensate for G.S.T.?

**Senator T.A. Le Sueur:**

That is really a matter for my colleague, the Minister for Economic Development, who already gives a significant grant to the Battle of Flowers Association, but I am happy to talk to him, Sir.