

Dear Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel

I acknowledge the concern with emptying the funds to support the island at this stage, but our view is our businesses have emptied theirs already. There is a high risk for mass unemployment during this crisis. Shared pain in this goes a long way, our industry is on the ground already and close to a mass ending of businesses.

### **ITIS**

We would like the tax threshold to be reviewed for the year to allow those who have suffered during this time to have an opportunity to recover.

### **Social Security**

While deferment has taken place, this is only kicking a debt further down the road, and there will be a long road to recovery. We are only looking at it being cancelled for the next 3-6 months

### **GST**

Same as Social Security

### **Wage Grants**

We need a lot more than £200 per week for our employees to get through this. We also needed this available last week. Ideally something closer to the UK model is needed now and without further hesitation. Businesses are letting staff go as we speak, and any delay is costing people jobs

I also want clarity here on what is available to those who have already been made redundant as businesses can't keep them on already. Can we find a way of encouraging businesses to take them back with this scheme in place?

### **Take Aways**

UK have classed Take Away services as essential during their lockdown. Some clarity on how best to operate as a takeaway would be beneficial. It also allows some businesses to support staff they have and, in some places, create additional jobs

### **Lockdown**

I believe Jersey should move into a lockdown situation as in UK

### **Comms**

I have been asking since the first Business Liaison group meeting for a clear message from comms, this is slowly improving but nowhere near enough yet. I also feel all the organisations linked in right now could be providing a lot more information to our members to spread the message more clearly. This still hasn't materialised.

## **Rents**

For those on reduced hours, wages or being made redundant, protection of their lodging needs to be secured by speaking to landlords and pushing for their protection. This must also be set up so it can't be abused

Best Regards

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