

He accepts the challenge...and then withdraws.

Surprise surprise! What sort of Chief Minister do we have at the helm who accepts a challenge to go head to head with Richard Murphy and promptly retracts? Why would he do that I wonder?

- Senator Walker says that Richard would misrepresent the debate.
- Secondly, he claims that the debate would damage Jersey. Senator Walker says publicly that our finance industry is highly respected globally so how could a debate between Senator Walker and Richard Murphy possibly affect that in any way?
- Thirdly, the Chief Minister excuses himself by saying that Mr Murphy is not an elected member of the States of Jersey. When on Talk Back Senator Walker accepted the challenge for a public debate he knew perfectly well then that Richard was not an elected politician so what has changed? Besides what difference does it make whether a person is elected or not?
- Fourthly, he argues that The Tax Justice Network is dedicated to shutting down the finance industry and thereby causing unemployment. How can our so-called highly respected finance industry possibly come to any harm because of a debate on local radio? Or is this just an excuse?

At the last election we were promised accountability so can we please have it! There is far too much spin in Jersey politics, or could it be that the people who are running this Island are the Chief Ministers consultants and advisers. All at Jersey taxpayers expense of course.

So what is the real reason for Senator Walker backing down from the challenge of debating head-to-head in public? Could it be because Richard is an utterly truthful man as well as a far more able one than our Chief Minister? I suspect that's the real reason. What utter cowardice Senator Walker!

Who is Richard Murphy, and what are his qualifications?

- Bachelor of Science in Economics and Accounting.
- Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.
- Member of the Research Committee of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

He is a visiting Fellow, University of Sussex Centre for Global Political Economy.

Is a visiting Fellow, University of Portsmouth Business School.

Holds a research post at the University of Nottingham.

Richard has also addressed the United Nations, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, European Union, numerous governments, non-governmental organisations and civil society organisations.

Richard also works as a Forensic Accountant for the BBC on television and radio programmes.

Now what qualifications does Senator Walker have other than being an elected member of our government?

Yours truly,

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