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Dear Sir,

Yet again, the people of Jersey seem to have been misled or lied to by a senior politician in Jersey.

Senator Walker (Jersey's Chief Minister) has claimed that John Christensen is "a disaffected former States employee seeking to damage Jersey's finance industry" (BBC Radio Jersey) and that Richard Murphy "is trying to undermine Jersey" (JEP) regarding Jersey's impending tax policies and their obligation to meet the European Unions Code of Conduct on Business Taxation.

Senator Walker stated on BBC Radio Jersey that he had it in "*black and white from the UK Treasury that our commitments have been agreed by Ecofin.*" However, when John Christensen and Richard Murphy were invited to attend the European Commission conference on the future of EU tax policy, where they were told by the EU "*they are not aware of the detail of the proposals, have not been contacted by any officials from the Crown Dependencies seeking approval of any proposals and that they doubt very much that what is being proposed would abide by the European Code of Conduct on business taxation.*"

This seems to be similar to the outcome of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Sub-Panel (JEP 28 September 2006) into whether Jersey's zero-ten tax policy will meet the EU Code of Conduct on Business Taxation. Senator Walker giving evidence to said panel stated "*the specific proposals had not been approved.*" This indicates that John Christensen and Richard Murphy are actually the friend of Jersey and not the enemy as stated by Senator Walker.

Yours Sincerely,

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