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Dear Minister,

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel**Draft Income Tax (Amendment – Stage 2 of Independent Taxation) (Jersey) Law 202**

The Corporate Services Panel has been gathering evidence to inform the Comments it intends to present on the Draft Income Tax (Amendment – Stage 2 of Independent Taxation) (Jersey) Law 202 – [P.41/2023](#) ahead of the States Assembly debate on the Proposition on 18th July 2023. The Panel wish to bring to your attention concerns raised in a [submission](#) received from Citizen's Advice Jersey (CAJ) in relation to the proposals.

The submission expresses several key concerns regarding the impact of Independent Taxation changes on the charity and its ability to support Islanders. The charity anticipates a significant increase in individuals seeking assistance with their income tax documentation, which could overwhelm their resources.

They specifically highlight the potential exclusion of spouses and partners from tax forms, which may require additional support for affected individuals. The submission also mentions their existing support for vulnerable individuals and the potential increase in demand from those who are illiterate, have dyslexia or dyscalculia, or prefer not to involve their partners.

The lack of communication and consultation from Revenue Jersey appears as a breakdown in the relationship and oversight in ensuring the charity can continue its support.

In light of the concerns raised within the submission, the Panel would appreciate to receive clarification on the following areas:

- What consideration, if any, was given to the potential impact of the proposed changes on charities, including CAJ, that support Islanders with taxation queries?
- What communication or consultation, if any, have you or Revenue Jersey had with charities, including CAJ, to understand the potential impact or concerns of the proposed changes on them?

- What consideration, if any, is being given to additional Government support measures for charities, including CAJ, that provide support for Islanders on Government led directives and where the proposed changes will impact their ability to sustain support.

The Panel look forward to receiving a formal written response by no later than **Wednesday 5th July 2023**. Please be aware that it is our intention to publish the response received on the States Assembly Website.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair
Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel