



## South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands

Office of the Commissioner  
Government House  
Stanley  
Falkland Islands

GSGSSI Stakeholders

*By email*

23 April 2016

Dear Stakeholder

### **Legislative Review Consultation – Income Tax, & Administration of Justice**

I am pleased to launch this public consultation on the Government of South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands' proposals for new income tax and administration of justice legislation.

These have been developed in close liaison with experts from the Falkland Islands Government and UK Government. In our consultation documents we have provided information on the key changes being proposed, together with some questions and answers, to help clarify what the changes mean in practice. I would encourage you to read the proposals and send any comments you may have to our Legal Adviser, Mark Lewis ([legal@gov.gs](mailto:legal@gov.gs)) by close 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

Income tax and administration of justice are two of the six priority pieces of legislation identified as being in need of updating through our legislative review programme:

- Income Tax
- Administration of Justice
- Immigration
- FI Courts Jurisdiction (being progressed through the FCO)
- Crimes
- Application of Laws

I discussed the legislative review programme at our stakeholder meeting in London in September 2015 – it now forms part of our Strategy 2016-2020 commitments. The six priorities comprise its backbone; their revision will be critical to establishing the essential requirements for a self-governing Overseas Territory. Our intention is to consult on the remaining priority pieces of legislation over the coming months.

Additionally, we have identified a range of other legislation in need of updating. It is our intention to progress legislation in areas including policing, visitor management, heritage, fishing and customs over the course of this year.

This is an ambitious programme to update and modernise SGSSI's statute book. Its success depends on being able to draw on your expertise to ensure we have robust and implementable proposals. Consultation documents will be available on our website and we will notify you as each consultation arises. I hope you will contribute to this process and I look forward to working with you.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Jansen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James Jansen  
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