



South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands

Office of the Commissioner
Government House
Stanley
Falkland Islands

GSGSSI Stakeholders

By email

20th May 2016

Dear Stakeholder

Legislative Review Consultation – Immigration and Customs

I am pleased to launch this public consultation on the Government of South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands' proposals for new immigration and customs 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 Mark Lewis, Legal Advisor (legal@gov.gs) by close 1st July 2016.

Immigration is one 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

Customs is an area that was identified as in need of updating and we have taken the opportunity to progress work on this alongside the related policy area of immigration.

The legislative review programme was discussed 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. We have already consulted on Income Tax and Administration of Justice and are now reviewing and finalising these proposals.

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, and fishing over the course of the next 12 months.

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 continue to notify

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you as each consultation arises. I hope you will contribute to this process and I look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely,

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

James Jansen
Chief Executive