

Letter to Planet Jersey

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John Christensen has [written his own blog](#) for TJN on the Jersey responses to Monday's Panorama, in which he appeared. It's well worth reading.

But note four things in particular:

- 1) None of our critics will answer our questions as to why Jersey deliberately facilitates tax evasion, which it so obviously does by refusing to participate in full in the EU savings tax directive.
- 2) The vast majority of our critics refuse to put their names on public record. Is that how confident they are of their position?
- 3) Note that Jersey politicians will not engage with us, although they most certainly will snipe at us. It is interesting to note that when I was asked to appear on Jersey radio on Tuesday morning I was advised that Philip Ozouf, the finance minister, would debate with me. When it came to it Jersey Finance had to appear instead. He chickened out, as usual. Why is that?
- 4) Why does Jersey have such a deep paranoia about our criticism? We also criticise every major tax haven, including the UK and the USA. So why is Jersey so troubled?

As is normal with almost all those with whom we engage, whether from tax havens or from the political right, there is a refusal on the part of Jersey to engage with the issues that we raise and instead a blanket attempt has been made to try to discredit us. That will not work. Jersey should have noticed that the world's press does seem to listen to us, for the good reason but we deliver credible evidence to support our case.

Telling us and that press that we do not know what we're talking about will not work when it is obvious that the media believe that we do know precisely what we are talking about. Only answers will refute our claims.

When are Jersey and all the others going to supply them with the answers that prove their case and answer our allegations? Nothing else will do, and abuse will only

lead to even more widespread belief that tax havens have something to hide.