

## Which Islands where they looking at

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The House of Commons Justice Committee has [published a report](#) on the Crown Dependencies. It's a weird and very confused document in a great many ways but then a friend in Jersey sent me an email which summarised the issue better than I could have possibly done, asking:

*What do you make of this please?*

*"...the Crown Dependencies are democratic, self-governing communities with free media and open debate. The independence and powers of self-determination of the Crown Dependencies are, in our view, only to be set aside in the most serious circumstances...."*

*"...that it should be used only in the event of a fundamental breakdown in public order or of the rule of law, endemic corruption in the government or the judiciary or other extreme circumstance, and we see no reason or constitutional basis for changing that formulation..."*

*Which Islands are they looking at?&#160;*

*Should we recommend Specsavers?*

It's worse than that. This is myopia of the willing. And I know of no cure.