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FOR THE ATTENTION OF MRS S CORLETT

Financial Supervision Commission
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Dear Mrs Corlett

Designated Businesses (Registration and Oversight) Bill 2014

I write as Chair of the Isle of Man Freethinkers, a group that represents the interests of atheists, agnostics, secularists and humanists on the Island with 37 paid up members to date.

Businesses (Registration and Oversight) Bill 2014 I would like to put on record the concerns of our committee regarding the exclusion of non-profit organisations (NPOs) from the list of Designated Businesses.

We have grave concerns regarding the exclusion of all NPOs that is now being proposed in the second draft of this Bill.

Faith groups have, we believe, been included in the set 'NPOs'. We note that this set also includes non-religious groups, however our immediate interest lies with addressing privileges granted to religious organisations. There may also be concerns regarding not including non-religious, or charitable, organisations but these concerns fall outside our immediate area of interest; this route to money laundering, or financing terrorism, may still be of concern to the Commission though.

I attached a copy of our comments for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

Mr Andrew Dixon
Chair Isle of Man Freethinkers