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Minister,

As requested, we have spoken with the Taxation Department. It is their considered opinion that the facts as they are currently available to all parties would suggest the statement issued by one Mr LEONARD James Casley known as H.R.H. Prince Leonard of Hutt is correct.

The fact that the Commonwealth has not formally recognised the Principality is a *muta point*, as the residents of the area do, and there has been now, and in the past a legal uncertainty as to the constitutional aspects of the case.

It is therefore our considered opinion, that subject to the guidelines we have had to adopt, the following points are in fact the situation currently.

- 1./ The Principality is a legal entity.
- 2./ Prince Leonard of Hutt is a person exempt in Australian Law from Taxation under the current guidelines.
- 3./ The Passport as used by the persons claiming to be Principality Citizens are valid, however, the act can be used to isolate them by the requirement of visa's.
- 4./ Nothing in any legislation currently would preclude recognition if these facts ever saw the light of day.

It is therefore our suggestion that you at all costs contain this situation. The Department would at your request therefore institute the required action.

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