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Re: Debt equiy legislation

In response to your e-Mail to me dated 29 May 2001 I have the following comments:

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Section 22

Amendments to Section 25-85

I refer to the amendment proposed in Section 25-85(2). It appears to be intended to ensure that returns made in relation to "debt capital" are generally deductible under Section 8-1. For the avoidance of doubt I suggest it be made clearer that it is accepted that the returns in question relate to the gaining or production of or the carrying on of a business for the purpose of deriving assessable income.