

**Finance Committee**  
**The Scottish Rate of Income Tax**  
**Submission from WA Johnston**

**Response**

Evidence? I have none. However as one of the generation often referred to as a “baby boomer” who is still paying tax I believe I have a right to express an opinion.

• What should the rate be for SRIT and why;

I have full confidence that the current Finance Committee can reach a fair assessment. If the additional tax is for increasing jobs, and therefore the tax base, then it eventually becomes self funding. In the future this could lead to raising the pre-tax threshold.

• If SRIT should be above 10% how should the additional funding be allocated;

If the committee believed that funding above 10% is required they will have a considered reason for that increase (see also above). As long as the decision is open and transparent I would have no objections at all.

• If SRIT should be below 10% how should the reduction be funded from existing expenditure;

I do not think that this option should even be considered.

• Has the introduction of SRIT been sufficiently well publicised to employers and tax payers.

I do not think so. Even when I did find this site it was not intuitive on how to submit a response. The fact that this is a call for “evidence” rather than opinions from the public which can then be used to guide the committee is also misleading.

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