

Comment from Captain Jimmy Chestnutt, Director General of Southampton and Fareham Chamber of Commerce

Captain Jimmy Chestnutt, Director General of the Southampton and Fareham Chamber of Commerce said that,

“We have not had any strong business demand for a public holiday to celebrate St George’s Day.

Any additional public holiday has a direct and costly impact on business. However, if the proposal was to swap one of the existing public holidays then that would at least solve that issue.

With St George’s Day happening early in the year, when there are already a number of public holidays there is any argument that any additional public holiday should be later in the year. There are a number of worthy and competing ideas for public holidays and any additional or new public holiday should be thoroughly thought through and made after careful consideration”.