

## **Covid Tsar says lockdown convictions are bonkers!**



### **Will the "Covid 70" be pardoned?**

Sir John Bell, the UK Government *Covid Tsar* in 2020 – 2021, recently stated that all Covid convictions should in effect be quashed or pardoned.

Sir John said, *"Truth be told when somebody writes the history of this, they are going to view this whole policy as **bonkers** because you have got people going on business trips to a country and coming back to the wrong airport because the country's been reclassified while they have been away. People being done for exercising and a Policeman says you are not exercising, you are not sweating. And that literally happened. Scenes like this, it was a barking mad period of time, really, but the truth is, what can we do? We can stop people having their lives ruined, and we should do that".*

And so, what about the 70 persons (men, women and children) who received custodial sentences in the Isle of Man for breach of Covid Regulations?

Last week we wrote to Mrs Jane Poole-Wilson, Minister for Justice & Home Affairs, asking what plans do the Manx Government have for pardoning these 70 individuals.

See link below to our open correspondence dated 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

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