

# The small business tax gap is huge - according to a sma...

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This comment [on the blog today is worth repeating](#):

*Well I am a big supporter of smaller businesses, but some proprietors just refuse to pay their tax, even though the profit have been artificially reduced. Usually these people have a very hard attitude towards crime, benefits and the poor. How do I know this? Well, Richard isn't the only qualified accountant that wants social justice. (Note that it isn't me that has reduced the profits!).*

[As is this response](#):

@ Martin

*Even more reason to increase staffing at HM Revenue and Customs — one of Richard's favourite topics! Some (business) people (after fiddling their books to show artificially low profits) want their dust bins emptying, a health service, the fire brigade and police without contributing towards them: and then make hypocritical and derogatory comments about the performance of these services.*

*Stop this by making their accountants "shop" them which in turn will help the HMRC to fine them. Regularly and heavily.*

I am sure the accountant who wrote is absolutely right: there are large numbers of corrupt small businesses in the UK. [It's why the tax gap is much bigger than HMRC admit](#). It's also why David Gauke is grossly negligent to ignore my [warnings on the number of small companies being struck from the UK register of companies each year](#) - none of whom he says could possibly owe any tax, a claim which puts him firmly in box entitled 'naive, gullible and incompetent' unless the one marked 'wilfully turning a blind eye' applies instead. I'll publish more on this negligence on his part soon.

But now we're having a discussion on social responsibility will Gauke do anything about it? Don't bet on it.