

HMRC: stopping the rot

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The [Guardian argues with](#) regard to HMRC this morning that:

The permanent secretary has already said he will retire, but the rot at the top reaches beyond one individual. The priority must be to bring in non-executive directors who can speak for taxpayers, workers and civil society and challenge those of the over-represented voice of the business world — and make sure it pays its dues.

I could not agree more.