

So much for an objective H M Revenue & Customs

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I gave a presentation at the Social Market Foundation this morning.

Xxxxxx Xxxxx was there. She is the Director of xxxxxxxxxxxx at HM Revenue & Customs.

In response to discussion on country-by-country reporting she said there was no evidence it would help the UK in targeting transfer pricing abuse and so would not aid revenue.

Oddly, in January 2010, when she reported to Labour's Stephen Timms MP, who was an enthusiast for country-by-country reporting, she told the OECD that country-by-country reporting would help the UK and it would undoubtedly help revenue raising by considerably improving risk assessment and the targeting of resources on transfer pricing issues.

So much for an impartial civil service.

So much for an objective HMRC.

NB: [This blog has been amended at the request of HMRC, not that they had the courage to ask me to do so themselves](#). Apparently they don't like me reporting what they say - although they're ready at any moment to brief against me.