

The Treasury is not walking its talk as it's business a...

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Earlier this year [much play was made by HM Treasury](#) that they would bar tax avoiding companies from public contracts. And [now the FT reports](#):

A company that has paid no corporation tax for eight years has won a £150m government tender to improve mobile connectivity, despite calls for it to be excluded from public sector contracts.

Arqiva, the communications group, said no additional pressure had been placed on its tax status, which is legal, during the year-long bidding process for the Mobile Infrastructure Project (MIP), run by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

So now we see the reality of the Treasury's bluster on tax: it's business as usual.

Does the word 'hypocrites' come to anyone's mind by any chance?