

## Funding the Future

Why, oh why are HMRC jobs going when we have a massive

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HM Revenue & Customs admit the UK tax gap exceeds £35 billion a year.

I argue it exceeds £95 billion on top of which there is a mountain of tax paid late.

And [yet the BBC are reporting that](#):

*More than 700 jobs are under threat in three tax offices in north-west England, the Public and Commercial Services (PCS) union has said.*

*Consultation has begun with staff in Bootle, Merseyside, Preston in Lancashire and in Salford.*

*HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) is deciding whether 3,900 fixed-term contracts across the UK should be terminated when they end in March 2014.*

If anyone can see any logic in laying off tax staff when there is money to be collected perhaps they'd like to explain what it is.

As far as I can see, this is simply a case of the government not wanting to collect tax because that way they can impose cuts, shrink the state and impose stress on those Boris Johnson likes to abuse. I am quite sure these events are connected and that's why I oppose all such cuts.

And yes, I will add that i work with PCS: I'm proud to do so because they and the FDA are seeking to uphold the tradition of the civil service in this area.