Here's what looks like another lie: tax statements to 2...

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According to the Guardian, and I suspect that they have their source is right, the government is saying that the mailshot of tax statements to at least 24 million people in the UK will cost no more than £5 million.

I am sorry to say it, but I think that this is another lie about these tax statements to compound the misrepresentations that are already included within them.

Let's be clear: to believe this we have to presume that a programme to design, develop, check, download and then personally print, package, despatch and deliver these letters can all be done for 21p each. Bluntly, I don't believe that, even given the bulk of the operation. You might be able to do the print and despatch bit for that but if that's the full cost I would be utterly astonished.

Has anyone FoI's how that figure was calculated yet, or will I have to?