

Paying tax whistleblowers

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One of the questions at Tuesday's session of the People's Parliament was how we might both encourage and protect whistleblowers.

I answered in the context of tax. My suggestion was that we should copy the States where tax whistleblowers are paid up to 30% of sums recovered as a result of the information they supply.

Here the Revenue does pay for information but if you're lucky the sum paid might be a thousand or two. However the fact is that whistleblowers often suffer severe economic detriment for acting appropriately. If we are to properly support and protect whistleblowers then I believe we need a much enhanced payment system for information supplied by tax whistleblowers in the UK.

And do remember, paying for information supplied is a well established procedure in other areas of law. This is not creating precedents.

What have we to lose?