

## Should Dame Lin Homer be saying people are not liable t...

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Watch [this hearing before the Public Accounts Committee](#) from 15.52 onwards where Dame Lin Homer is questioned about the Amazon and eBay VAT scandals.

Lin Homer fails to answer questions. She cannot say why it has taken years for HMRC to address this issue.

She admits HMRC do not know at present who may be liable for VAT she admits is missing.

She does say suppliers are responsible for their supply chains.

And then staggeringly says that Amazon and eBay cannot be liable for the VAT.

[I disagree](#). EU law makes it clear they can and should be liable in my view.

But she has now provided those companies with what looks like an official let out stated in parliament which will no doubt be rolled out by them in their defence. I think that reckless.

Who is liable for her recklessness?

I hope she will be.

*Hat tip: Richard Allen*