

# The vast majority of people in the UK want country-by-c...

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This [comes from the London Evening Standard](#) last night and I share it in more detail that I would a normal news paper story because I think the findings really quite important:

*Britons today demanded that George Osborne publicly shame corporate giants seen by many as cheating the country out of millions in tax.*

*More than 80 per cent of adults called on the Chancellor to set up a public register showing whether multinational firms are paying UK taxes.*

There is, of course, only one way to provide this data in reality, and that is public country-by-country reporting where every multinational company would be required to publish an income statement for every country in which they trade.

As the Standard continued:

*Shedding such light on their tax affairs would allow consumers to decide whether to buy their products – or boycott them if they appear to be diverting tax liabilities to countries such as Luxembourg to lower their bills.*

*The survey by BMG Research found that 84 per cent of Britons believe multi-national firms operating in the UK should be forced to publicly declare where they pay their taxes. Eighty-five per cent urged the Chancellor to set up a public register showing whether the firms are paying their taxes here.*

Surely the time has come when the reasonable demand for this data has to be met?