

# Funding the Future

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I was reading [HMRC's accounts for 2016 - 17](#) yesterday (as one does on a Saturday afternoon) when a data curiosity hit me with regard to its total pay per employee. I compared HMRC's data with some I had prepared for [PWC](#) for use in the report [Saila Stausholm](#) and I [wrote on the Big Four firms](#). This is how the data stacks:

It just so happens that average pay for staff, excluding partners, at PWC is almost exactly double that of staff at HMRC, and including partners is almost exactly triple that of staff at HMRC.

Now guess how the odds in the tax abuse game are stacked.