

## More on tax anomalies

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*[Note: somehow this did not get beyond being a draft post on Sunday when it should have been published. It is being put up now, more for the record.]*

The [Observer has hit the subject of tax anomalies this morning, as the FT did yesterday.](#)

I am quoted, again:

**“Absurd tax reliefs, like most of those in the inheritance tax system, just let the rich hang on to their wealth**  
Richard Murphy, head of Tax Research

And as Phillip Inman concluded:

Reeves has said she will ramp up HMRC's resources to tackle fraud and avoidance schemes. She has started cancelling some tax breaks for the wealthy and allocating the money for extra teachers and towards reductions in health service waiting lists. A panel that includes former Treasury official Sir Edward Troup will advise her on the next steps.

What the NAO report shows is there is more scope to review and reform the UK's hotch-potch of tax reliefs to save many billions of pounds more.

*The trouble is the advisory panel is made up entirely of tax insiders, and none of the critics of the system. So, what chance is there of that working?*