

The last thing this Labour government needs to deliver ...

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We have a new government that is dedicated to austerity on the basis of its claim that 'there is no money left'.

It seems like the right moment to draw attention to the [Taxing Wealth Report 2024](#) again, and the recommendations included in it.

As this table shows, the recommendations in the Report suggest that maybe £90 billion of extra tax could be raised a year after allowing for the significant cost of removing some tax anomalies that are currently unfairly imposed on those with wealth and which would not be required if the overall tax system was made much fairer.

		Annual value of proposal £'bn
Income tax reforms		
1	Restricting pension tax relief to the basic rate of income tax	14.5
2	Recreating an investment income surcharge in the UK tax system	18.0
3	Capping the rate at which tax relief is given on charitable donations under Gift Aid	0.7
4	Capping ISA contributions in a lifetime	0.1
5	Reintroducing close company rules for income and corporation tax	3.0
6	Abolishing the domicile rule for tax purposes	3.2
7	Changing UK tax rates	-19.1
National insurance reforms		
8	Reforming national insurance charges on higher levels of earned income in the UK	12.5
Capital gains tax reforms		
9	Aligning capital gains tax and income tax rates in the UK	12.0
10	Abolishing capital gains tax entrepreneur's relief	2.2
11	Reducing the annual exempt amount of capital gains a person might enjoy a year to £1,000	0.4
12	Charging capital gains tax on the final disposal of a person's main residence	10.0

As the table also shows, I also identify how by changing the rules on tax relief on savings up to £100 billion of additional funding to fund investment capital could be secured.

I should also note that significant recommendations for reform of the administration of the tax system are made in the report, many of which are really important.

Why mention all this? Simply because this Report suggests that opportunities exist for Labour to fund any programme it could reasonably desire.

Every recommendation is detailed in the Report, of which versions of varying lengths are available here:

[The summary report](#)

[The shorter length report](#)

[The full report](#)

The point is, however, that choice is available. The only one that is unacceptable is doing nothing.