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## Briefing Note

### HMRC Labour Provider Unit & Tax Evasion

The HMRC Labour Provider Unit's role is to ensure that the correct tax payments are received from Employment Businesses and Agencies. It is believed that there is £1 billion in unpaid taxes in this sector. The Labour Provider Unit's 160 employees yielded an additional £69 million in tax revenue in 2006 and has aimed for over £100 million in subsequent years.

It has a dedicated risk team with an intelligence function and will receive information confidentially on any individual or company suspected of committing tax offences (though it cannot give a response).

In order to verify the VAT status of a labour provider call: 024 7623 7144 (between the hours of 08.00 and 16.00 Monday to Friday). When making requests, it would be beneficial to have Name; Address; VAT registration number to hand for each Labour Provider:

#### Reporting a Fraud or Tax Evasion

If you have information regarding a fraud involving labour providers, please contact the Customs Hotline on 0800 595000 which is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Secure website: <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/customs-hotline/> ; Freepost SEA 939, PO Box 100, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2BR

Reports of tax evasion should be submitted to The Tax Evasion hotline which deals with income tax, corporation tax, capital gains tax, inheritance tax, VAT and National Insurance via the website <https://www.taxevasionshotline.co.uk> or by calling **0800 788 887** (Lines are open Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm, Sat and Sun 8am to 4pm).