<u>The consequences of deep Tory cuts to</u> <u>HMRC risk undermining efforts to</u> <u>tackle tax avoidance – Dowd</u>

Peter Dowd MP, Labour's Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, responding to reports that HMRC is struggling to deal with the growing number of cases of tax avoidance, said:

"The consequences of deep Tory cuts to HMRC are being felt, and risk undermining its efforts to tackle tax avoidance and evasion.

"Labour has consistently said that only a fully resourced and funded HMRC will be able to effectively tackle the scourge of tax evasion and its huge cost to the taxpayer. These latest revelations only further confirm some of our worst fears."