

## HMRC is making its move on tax compliance



The Government has a huge deficit in Treasury funds and HM Revenue & Customs have been granted far-reaching new powers. HMRC can now:

Visit business premises and request the production of documentation under Schedule 36 legislation

Issue harsher penalties for non compliance

Review multiple taxes simultaneously

Conduct targeted campaigns

In addition to all this, HMRC have estimated that there is a £40billion 'tax gap' between what they collect and what they believe is owed to them. Worryingly, HMRC has been targeted to reduce this figure by **£7billion** by 2010/2011.

### The risks to you

If you are investigated, a typical tax enquiry can easily cost several thousands of pounds for a thorough defence. Tax Inspectors can be extremely aggressive and we will have to prove your innocence. You'll need to justify your accounts, income and lifestyle and this process takes considerable time.

Over the last few years we have also seen a shift in the way the Revenue conduct enquiries – investigations take longer and longer to handle (typically 19 months for average investigations) and require complex responses to the Revenue's allegations. This defence is necessary to ensure that you do not have to concede to HMRC's demands but protracted enquiries will see the professional defence fees mount up.

Too many businesses are forced to concede to the Revenue's unreasonable demands because they can't afford to contest the allegations. But our Tax Investigations Service ensures you have peace of mind in the event of HMRC investigation.

## Don't be caught out by the Revenue - subscribe to our Tax Investigations Service today!

### Our solution

The Rawlinsons Tax Investigations Service is designed to counteract the HMRC threat by reimbursing the costs of your defence in the event you are selected for enquiry by HMRC.

Our service includes protection for:

- ✓ Income Tax Full Enquiries
- ✓ Corporation Tax Full Enquiries
- ✓ Income Tax Aspect Enquiries
- ✓ Corporation Tax Aspect Enquiries
- ✓ Employer Compliance Disputes
- ✓ IR35 Disputes
- ✓ VAT Disputes
- ✓ Schedule 36 Pre Disputes

## Business Legal Helpline 24 hour, 365 day a year access.

As an additional benefit of our service, Business clients who subscribe will also have access to a Business Legal Helpline that covers a wide range of Business Legal issues to help protect your business.



Areas of advice include:

- Employment Law – e.g. redundancy, maternity rights
- Health & Safety – e.g. risk assessments, legislation
- Commercial matters – e.g. tenancy, debt recovery