



Your guide to meeting your MP

Check how much time you have and stick to that time slot, you just need to get across the simple reality that the Off-Payroll tax will be damaging, is misguided, and will affect you and local businesses.

1. The issue - the roll out of the Off-Payroll Tax.

Self-employed workers & the many businesses who rely on them are facing a devastating blow from Government plans to bring in the Off-Payroll tax which must be removed from the draft Finance Bill.

2. Get across your personal circumstances and how the Off-Payroll Tax will affect you.

Personal stories and accounts really do get through to MPs. Knowing that legislation is not only misguided, but will be detrimental for constituents/constituent business will make them listen.

3. Key points as to why the Off-Payroll Tax is damaging/wrong.

- It is a **14.3% stealth tax on businesses** which will significantly drive up project costs and firms won't be able to access the workforce they need. **This will damage the UK economy.**
- At least **150,000 UK contractors could lose up to a huge 20% of their pay.**
- **UK contracting talent will be replaced by offshore providers** putting UK workers out of work.
- Thousands of contractors will be **unfairly taxed as employees with no employer pension contributions, sickness or holiday pay.**

4. There is ALREADY evidence of negative outcomes as companies prepare.

- ALREADY we are seeing firms ditch self-employment people on mass – and projects not being done. The banks are shutting their doors to the self-employed.
- Projects are ALREADY going offshore as multinationals don't want to increase headcount.

5. HMRC and Treasury Misinformation.

The Treasury and HMRC's reasons for bringing in the Off-Payroll Tax are deeply flawed and based on misinformation and misrepresentation.

- The Government claim there is no evidence of damage to the public sector, yet there's clear evidence of projects being delayed and in the NHS many locum doctors and nurses have left.
- HMRC's are ignoring the huge opposition documented in their own consultation.
- Ministers are pretending there are not negative impacts - but the evidence proves otherwise!

6. What are we calling for?

- To **stop the introduction of the damaging off-payroll rules to the private sector.**
- For the Government to instead launch a **much-needed review into the deeply flawed IR35 legislation** and devise a correct way to recognise contracting in the tax system.

7. Ask your MP to:

- a. **Oppose the Off-Payroll Tax roll-out and back a review**
- b. **Write to the Chancellor and raise with colleagues**
- c. **Raise the issue in Parliament - ask Parliamentary Questions/sign EDM 2379**