

## CLAIMS NUMBERS

*"The number of claims notified has gone up considerably in recent years, with an **increase of 25%** since 2012."*

*"In 2014 Taxwise dealt with **6,000 claims** and paid out **£6.8 million** in claim payments."*

## HMRC ACTIVITY

*"In 2014/15 total tax revenue increased by **£11.9 billion** to **£517.7 billion** as a result of the growth in the UK economy and increased compliance activity by HMRC."*

*"**£26.6 billion** of additional tax was collected by HMRC in 2014/15, more than in any previous year and **£2.7 billion** more than in 2013/14."*

*"The government is targeting additional tax revenues of **£26.3 billion** in the 2015/16 tax year - HMRC says it's on track to achieve this."*

*"HMRC has secured **1,289 prosecutions** for tax offences following investigations."*

*"HMRC's latest estimate of the tax gap (the difference between the tax it should theoretically be able to collect and what it actually collects) is **£34 billion**."*

*"HMRC have over **26,000 members of staff** responsible for enforcement and compliance - almost half of its workforce."*

*"Since the 2010 spending review HMRC has launched **40 specialist taskforces** aimed at extensive investigation into businesses and individuals. These have raised over **£60 million** of additional revenue already."*

*"The number of people being investigated by the taxman has doubled in one year, raising concerns that people who have made innocent mistakes are being targeted by the Government. HM Revenue & Customs made inquiries about the tax affairs of **237,215 people last year**, compared with about **119,000 in 2011-12**. The number of self-employed people investigated has quadrupled in that time while annual prosecutions have risen sevenfold in three years."*

*- Daily Telegraph 16 May 2014*