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Enterprise Bill: Business rates - Valuation Office Agency Data Sharing

Issue:

Business ratepayers currently have to provide information on their property and their business to both the Valuation Office Agency (who are responsible for business rates valuations) and also local government (who are responsible for billing and collection of business rates). Existing law prohibits Valuation Office Agency staff from sharing more information about the ratepayer with local government, which creates a barrier between ratepayers and local government.

Measure:

The measure will:

- reduce the administrative burden in the business rates system and apply the government's "tell us once" policy to the business tax; and
- make sure ratepayers no longer have to give largely the same information to local government as they do to the Valuation Office Agency.

Aims and Impact:

The measure will:

- reduce the administrative burden in the business rates system by creating an information gateway between the Valuation Office Agency and local government which will allow for the legal and safe transfer of business rates information.