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Title: National Minimum Wage: Resources and Staffing Levels

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Information request

I would like to see the expenditure, staffing levels and resources committed to enforcing the minimum wage over the last 20 years or so.

Information released

The National Minimum Wage (NMW) was brought into force by the National Minimum Wage Act 1998, and so there are no records before 1998 (17 years ago). HMRC have enforced the NMW on BIS's behalf since 1999.

Resources – the budget allocated each financial year to HMRC:

- 2014/15 - £9.2m
- 2013/14 - £8.3m
- 2012/13 - £8.3m
- 2011/12 - £8.3m
- 2010/11 - £8.1m
- 2009/10 - £8.3m
- 2008/09 - £7.6m
- 2007/08 - £6.8m
- 2006/07 - £5.8m
- 2005/06 - £5.6m

Staffing levels:

- 2013/14 – 181
- 2012/13 - 173
- 2011/12 - 162
- 2010/11 - 159
- 2009/10 - 154
- 2008/09 – 149

BIS does not hold any information prior to 2005, in line with Departmental data retention policies. Please contact HMRC for any further data required.

