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Annie Purkis
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By email

Dear Annie,

Serious criminals continuing to operate in the waste sector

Further to my letter of 13th February to the Environment Agency, I am writing to ask what action HMRC is taking against well-known systematic abusers of the landfill tax system, including the North East site raided in 2015.

ESA is of course aware that HMRC has recently increased its scrutiny of the landfill tax processes at some of the largest market players with significant portfolios of sites. At the same time, however, the market continues to be distorted by unscrupulous operators who are apparently able to continue operating clearly outside legal parameters. This results in both lost revenue for the Exchequer and also in damage to legitimate businesses around the UK.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Hayler', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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