



**Damian Hinds**  
*MP for East Hampshire*

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## **Damian Hinds Calls for Suggestions for Simplifying Tax**

Following the announcement in July by the Chancellor of the establishment of a new Office of Tax Simplification (OTS) members of Parliament are being invited to feed into its work by offering observations for a review of existing tax allowances and reliefs and of all aspects of small business taxation.

Damian Hinds in turn is inviting residents of East Hampshire to write to him with their suggestions, observations and frustrations so that he may pass these on to the new Chairman of the OTS, Michael Jack.

Damian Hinds said

*I know from personal experience, and from my postbag, that many people have to struggle with examples of tax complexity both for individuals and local businesses so I fully recognise the importance of this initiative. It is vital that they begin their work with clear priorities and the way to start is by listening to the people who have to wrestle with this system.*

*I would welcome feedback from everyone – individuals and small businesses - on where the work should begin. The OTS has the potential to make a big difference in people's lives and this is a golden opportunity to make sure that it begins on the right foot.*

People may make their suggestions to Damian by emailing him at [damian.hinds.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:damian.hinds.mp@parliament.uk) or by writing to him at the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

**ENDS**

Notes to Editors

For more information please see <http://www.hmtreasury.gov.uk/ots>

While the OTS has a wide remit it must be noted that it does not cover child and working tax credits or benefits.

The OTS is a body independent of the Treasury. Its board is chaired by the Rt Hon Michael Jack and the Tax Director is John Whiting, from the Chartered Institute of Taxation.