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Dear Mr Strachan,

Thank you for your request which asked:-

- 1) *How much of taxes gathered from the public of this country (specific amount) by the current government since the beginning of War (2003) amount to?*
- 2) *Do the taxes the public of this country pay fund the killing of innocent people?*

In relation to question 1 HMRC does not hold information relating the total taxes gathered in the UK. I would suggest that you refer to HM Treasury's website <http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/home.htm> which also has details of how expenditure is allocated and so may go part of the way to address your second question. The Public Finances Databank is probably the most helpful; specifically table C4 at this link http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/psf_statistics.htm

Alternatively, if by your request you simply meant the taxes administered by HMRC, which are listed here <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/menus/aboutmenu.htm>; we publish that information in our annual reports at this link <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/about/reports.htm> .

Question 2 is not a request for recorded information but for a comment on what you appear to conclude is the situation. HMRC has no comment to make on your assumption save to say the question is not answerable under the terms of Freedom of Information Act. You may find this link to the Information Commissioner's guidance on how to make requests useful for the future http://www.ico.gov.uk/upload/documents/library/freedom_of_information/practical_applications/fop100_how_to_make_a_request_v1.pdf .

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Yours sincerely

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