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# Our tax contribution

# As one of the UK's largest companies, the tax we pay helps support a sustainable economy

#### £3.3 billion of taxes contributed globally in 2023

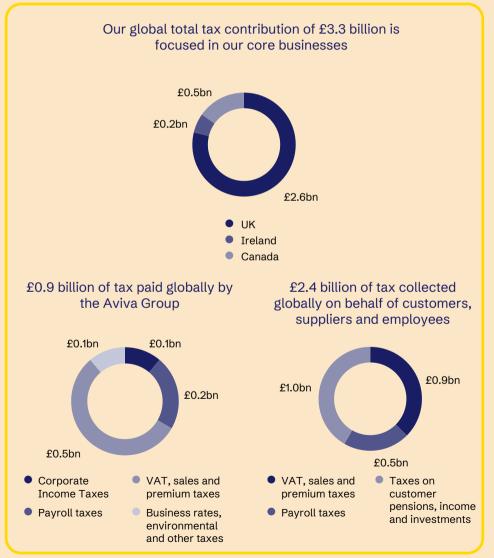
In 2022/2023 we were the 11th largest tax contributor in the UK<sup>1</sup>, contributing £2.6 billion in 2023, made up of £0.4 billion of tax paid and £2.2 billion of tax collected.

Furthermore, we pay additional amounts of tax to governments around the world.

We consider our total tax contribution in two ways. Firstly, the tax paid by Aviva Group, which is a cost to our shareholders. Secondly, we collect and pay amounts to tax authorities on behalf of customers, suppliers and employees.

1. Based on PwC analysis of the 100 Group Total Tax Contribution Survey, published December 2023











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#### Our Tax Strategy<sup>1</sup>

Our tax strategy is to pay the right amount of tax at the right time in each of the countries in which we operate.

We act with honesty and integrity, engaging with HMRC and other relevant tax authorities on a transparent and cooperative basis. We conduct our business dealings in accordance with both the letter and spirit of all tax law, with our core values underpinning our approach to taxation.

This approach is consistent with the Group's appetite to manage its operational risk to as low a level as is commercially sensible, taking account of the financial impact and the value placed by the Group on maintaining a reputation for upholding the highest standard of corporate ethics.

With a low appetite for litigation, we prefer to seek clarity through timely discussion and prompt disclosure of all relevant information, to enable tax authorities to form an accurate assessment of the tax implications of our activities, and assess the current, future, and past tax risks.

We engage proactively in external developments on tax policy and engage with national governments, the European Union, The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and others where appropriate.

#### Ensuring that we pay the right amount of tax in each country

We pay tax on the profits earned in each country and require all our businesses to comply with the tax laws in their markets and not enter into schemes or structures which result in an abusive tax result. When we undertake tax planning, we only do so in the context of wider business activity with a real and commercial basis.

Annual reviews are carried out to ensure that appropriate prices have been used for services provided cross border. These prices are subject to regular benchmarking to external markets to ensure the prices charged are consistent with arm's length transfer pricing principles and that profits arising in each company reflect the activity undertaken by that business.

#### Cross border reinsurance

Our UK resident reinsurance company has quota share reinsurance arrangements with Aviva subsidiaries from the UK, Ireland and Canada. The terms of our reinsurance treaties are consistent with arm's length principles.

Aviva also has a captive reinsurance company in Barbados, which supports the Canadian business. This was put in place to provide capital efficient pooling of risk in a traditional reinsurance location with a supportive regulatory regime and significant local experience. The company is now in run-off.

#### Offshore Investment Funds

As is common practice in the investment management industry, investment funds are structured to facilitate pooling of capital from different investors.

Aviva Investors manages various investment fund vehicles which are resident in low tax jurisdictions, including Luxembourg, Guernsey and Jersey.

These market standard offshore investment fund vehicles are cost efficient and mitigate tax arising within the fund, ensuring that income and gains are predominantly taxed in the hands of the investor. This allows investors with different tax profiles (e.g. tax exempt UK pension funds) to pool capital without increasing the amount of tax they would otherwise pay.

#### Managing our tax risks

All tax returns and correspondence are prepared and reviewed by qualified and trained colleagues, acting under appropriate delegated authorities. Where the Group outsources activities, the outsourcing partner must be able to meet all relevant tax compliance responsibilities.

External advice will be sought where the risk, complexity and size of the decision requires an opinion from a third party.

The tax strategy is supported by the Tax Business Standard and our Operational Risk & Control Management (ORCM) framework. All our businesses are required to manage the tax risks in their jurisdiction, considering both proximate and long-term risks. Regular updates detailing the Group's tax position are provided to the Group Audit Committee.

The management of tax risks is overseen by the risk and audit functions.

The tax strategy is aligned with the Aviva Business Ethics code. It is owned by the Group Chief Financial Officer and is approved and overseen by the Board.

1. This document has been prepared and published on 7 March 2024 in accordance with paragraph 16(2), Schedule 19, Finance Act 2016, on behalf of Aviva plc and all the UK tax resident companies in the Aviva plc group for the year ended 31 December 2024