

eBay pays £1.2m in British taxes on sales of £800m: report

October 21 2012



Online auction giant eBay paid only £1.2 million (\$1.92 million, 1.47 million euros) in tax to the British government despite generating £800 million in sales in the country, the Sunday Times reported.

Online auction giant eBay paid only £1.2 million (\$1.92 million, 1.47 million euros) in tax to the British government despite generating £800 million in sales in the country, the Sunday Times reported.

The <u>auction site</u> denied any wrongdoing.

According to the Sunday Times report, the internet firm notched up sales of £789 million during 2010 at its four British subsidiaries, generating an estimated profit of £181 million.

At the current rate of corporation tax, £51 million would be owed to the



exchequer, but instead it received £1.2m, the report said.

The auction site told the BBC: "eBay in Europe works with tax authorities and complies fully with all applicable tax laws and regimes - including national, EU, and internationally recognised OECD rules."

The report comes days after it emerged that coffee chain Starbucks shifted profits from its £398 million worth of UK sales to its foreign subsidiaries in order to avoid paying any corporation tax.

(c) 2012 AFP

Citation: eBay pays £1.2m in British taxes on sales of £800m: report (2012, October 21) retrieved 1 May 2024 from https://phys.org/news/2012-10-ebay-12m-british-taxes-sales.html

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.