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When good news is bad for associates

The number of associate dentists currently receiving tax rebates may reflect a trend for lower earnings. This is the view of NASDAL's tax specialist, Bob Cummings, of specialist dental accounting firm, Morris and Co, which represents many hundreds of associates.

Bob said: "A repayment is good news in the short-term but in the long term, it may mean that lower levels of earnings for associates has become the norm."

"For some time it has been predicted that profits for associates would drop and the tax rebates are the evidence that this is happening. I would say at least 10% of our associate clients have had a rebate."

He added: "The NASDAL bench-marking statistics are out soon including average earnings for dentists in the 2013-14 tax year. I think it's likely that the statistics will confirm the anecdotal evidence."

Note to editors: The NASDAL statistics for the year 2013-14 are announced at a press conference on March 24th. For further information, contact Caroline Holland on 020 8679 9595/07974 73139