

Table 4 **MIMIC estimation of the shadow economy of 21 highly developed OECD countries, 1990/91, 1994/95, 1997/98, 1999/2000, 2001/02, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2006/07**

<i>Cause variables</i>	<i>Estimated coefficients</i>
Share of direct taxation (in % of GDP)	0.392** (3.34)
Share of indirect taxation (in % of GDP)	0.184(*) (1.74)
Share of social security contribution (in % of GDP)	0.523** (3.90)
Burden of state regulation (index of labour market regulation, Heritage Foundation, score 1 least regular, score 5 most regular)	0.226(*) (2.03)
Quality of state institutions (rule of law, World Bank, score –3 worst and +3 best case)	–0.314* (–2.70)
Tax morale (WVS and EVS, Index, Scale tax cheating always justified = 1, never justified = 10)	–0.593** (–3.76)
Unemployment rate (%)	0.316** (2.40)
GDP per capita (in US\$)	–0.106** (–3.04)
Indicator variables	Estimated coefficients
Employment rate (in % of population 18–64)	–0.613** (–2.52)
Average working time (per week)	–1.00 (residual)
Annual growth rate of GDP (adjusted for the mean of all 22 OECD countries)	–0.281** (–3.16)
Change in circulation of local currency per capita	0.320** (3.80)

Notes: Further details and test statistics are available from the author. t-statistics are in parentheses; (\*), \*, \*\* indicate significance at the 90%, 95% and 99% confidence levels respectively.