

GOVERNMENT DELIVER HISTORIC BUDGET

Birchington • *ad HOC Editor*

The TSR government has submitted their Budget to the House, for only the second time in the HOC's seven year history.

The Budget, primarily written by TSR's Chancellor, Jarred, was largely centred around cutting both individual and corporation taxes and also featured significant spending cuts to some government departments. It also focused on reducing the national budget deficit, mirroring the approach of that the government's real life counterpart.

Although some MPs expressed support for the Budget's sweeping tax cuts, others were concerned about the nature of the spending cuts outlined by the Chancellor.

The Chancellor did receive near unanimous praise for writing the Budget, however, with one MP commentating that the Bill was "long overdue".

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SPEAKERSHIP SHOWDOWN

Following the resignation of incumbent Speaker of the House, Metrobeans, MPs have been deciding his successor for several weeks.

The election's candidates have been: JPKC, RoryS, Toronto353 and paddy_power. Debates have largely centred around the

experience of each candidate, as well as large focus on raising both the HOC's attendance and it's visibility

Voting has gone to a second round after neither candidate received over 50% of the vote. The contest is now being fought between Paddy and Toronto.

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from the EDITOR

Welcome to the fifth edition of Ad HOC.

We're proud to announce the launch of several new features that I hope you find interesting and enjoy.

MacDaddi has put together an excellent, topical debate on Lords Reform with contributions from across the HOC. I hope this will continue to grow and expand Ad HOC's content beyond interviews and articles. Please continue to send

in your content and follow us on Twitter! Not only that, but we've got two new columns launching this month, adding some colour to Ad HOC!

Next month is an election month, and Ad HOC is hoping to host an online Skype debate. Although not yet fully developed, we think this will be an exciting addition to the usual election fun. Enjoy!

FUNNY JUNK

Best wishes, **Birchington**

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yeah, I've been giving a lot of thought to the post-olympic legacy and I reckon I'm gonna carry on working from home



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YOUR EXCLUSIVE SOCIAL UPDATE ON THE HOUSE'S ACTIVITY

Mazzini • *Lib Dem MP*

So, what has happened over the past few weeks?

A lot, that's for sure. tehFrance has been described as a "drug-snorting, womanising Frenchie", as well as being banned several times. He's also admitted that he has too much money for his own good.

Internetguru has also been busy. He's been banned three times already and, as well as calling the much-loved and long-serving outgoing Speaker, Metrobeans, "fascist", he's been using his amazing, 100% accurate vote predictor to guess the outcome of the forthcoming general election! He estimates that his own favoured (hypothetical) party – the Greens – despite being written off by the vast majority of the House, would win four seats! That's the same number of seats that TSR UKIP currently holds and only one fewer than the TSR Liberal Democrats.

JPKC has decided to run for the place of Speaker – what has he been smoking?!

Technically, of course, there is nothing to stop him (the only requirement is that candidates have to be or have been an MP in the HOC at some point) although the very idea that he will be elected is absurd in itself. The scoundrel has already had a lot of controversy surrounding him, although he has said that he has too much time over the summer. Perhaps we need to find something for him to do.

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There was a debate (read: brawl) in the Bar over whether Mrs. Thatcher was a good PM or not – Adorno had a good Tory/UKIP hunt here! Bonus combo-kill points for him?

Additionally, Adorno's on his travels again, party-wise, having left the Socialists. I've also heard rumours about the outgoing Speaker and he has admitted it, although I'm not exactly sure what 'it' is. He's said this much: "Hey, I thought it was a woman okay!"

This leads me to think that it was something to do with lovey-dovey moments. Almost as bad as a certain Frenchie. Meenu has fallen in love with Boris once more – who couldn't after that dancing to the Spice Girls?! One mystery of the House is LETSJaM's gender. I've had a little poke around his/her profile indicates that he/she is a member of both the "Feminism!" and "Women only" societies, however JPKC is also a member of "Feminism!" -- what's he been up to now?

HOC MEET TO HIT LONDON

The HOC is preparing to hold its annual meet on September 1st.

Organised by the Speaker, Metrobeans, the event is open to regular HOC members and a chance for them to meet each other in real life. Although many MPs are virtually

acquainted, many have yet to meet in person.

The venue is still to be confirmed, so it is advised those keen to attend keep checking the 'HOC Meet' thread.

Ad HOC is looking forward to it!

THE DRUNKEN DRUG-ADDLED RAMBLINGS OF TEHFRANCE

Does the Prime Minister of the TSR Model House of Commons know his beverages?

During the recent 'Prime Ministers Questions (16th July)' the Prime Minister (Rakas21) was asked the question "What is your favourite cider? Do you like scrumpy?" to which the PM replied "Prime Ministers only drink Koppenburg Cider (Pear or Strawberry), anything else is for commoners" how aside from the obvious spelling mistake of 'Kopparberg', it appears that the PM has mistaken the rather average mass produced cider for something that the elite consume.

I can tell you right now, we do not consume it as it is in fact for commoners, it makes me wonder whether he has indeed even tried the stuff or went to Google to try and find something that looked remotely elitist.

He also prefers Strawberry (which he has again forgotten the 'and Lime' part of the cider which brings more doubts as to whether he has indeed been near the stuff) over Apple which is just wrong. Apple has always been the traditional favourite even in revolting ciders. His fondness of Pear cider can be forgiven.

Moving on to later during PMQs where he is bragging about his relationship with Президент Путин (President Putin), he then informs us that his 'numero uno' of alcoholic beverages is "Dissorano" again spelt incorrectly as we all know it to be 'Disaronno'.

What this comes down to is not only a question of whether the PM is a wannabe elitist but whether he has even been near any alcoholic beverages at all in his life time as it appears on the face of it, he has not.

Could he a serial liar to not only his electorate but to his fellow members of the house?

Chrisawhitmore made a joke about this possibly turning into 'Cidergate' however I feel it is a lot worse than 'Cidergate' could possibly be with the revelations that the PM is a wannabe elitist, does not check facts and most importantly does not know his alcoholic beverages. The PMQs on July 16th have rather unfortunately unravelled the PM's lifestyle to what it really is.

The Prime Minister had the following statement: "I am certainly not a wannabe elitist, coming from a benefits background has shown me the perils that socialism can bring in regards to welfare dependency and poor education policy (bring back grammar schools). I have an extensive knowledge of liquer and frequently drink them."

Other than using it as a shameless plug for his agenda he goes and makes yet another mistake in the spelling of '*liqueur*' and thus has not really proved himself to be one for the alcoholic beverage. Could this be the start of 'Liqueur gate'? Yes, yes I think it could be and it has the possibility of bringing down the coalition.

That is it for this edition of 'The Drunken Drug-addled Ramble's of tehFrance', I hope you enjoyed reading and I look forward to hearing your opinions.

Who knows, maybe you will get a piece dedicated to you in the next edition.

WHO'S WHO

If you want to get involved in the HOC, get in touch with the following people!

HOC Speaker

Metrobeans

Prime Minister

Rakas21

HOC Deputy Speaker

TheCrackInTime

Leader of the Opposition

DavidMarsh01

Chancellor's Budget Report

We've had a busy summer this year, we're all used to the bills, but two speakership elections, the by-election, the suspension of an MP guilty of malpractice and then of course the second only ever Budget Report in TSR history - well that's pretty darn eventful.

As Chancellor of the Exchequer, I was responsible for putting the latter one of those events into action, the Budget, and it is that which I'll be discussing today.

Approaching the Budget and actually getting it started was actually pretty difficult. I wrote the first parts eons ago, back in May before my exams had begun.

The first part I wrote was a generic job at the previous real life government and a summary of how the economy was doing; I regret the former part, I don't like bringing real politics into the fray. Once that was out of the way I started collating my ideas and the ideas of my colleagues, got out my trusty Casio Fx991ES calculator (I call her "Cassie"), created an 80s playlist on iTunes (I'm stuck in an 80s time-loop just like all Tories) and got writing.

Our ultimate goal with the report was to present something which not only led to growth but also made the lives of everyone struggling right now that little bit better. Thankfully, in our belief you can do both of those by introducing taxes to a violent headsman with a vengeance. Yes, don't just decrease them a bit, cut their bloody heads off! We feel that if you decrease the barriers to wealth creation, decrease the negative impact on incentives and behaviours, make everyone that little bit richer, make the weekly shop that little bit cheaper then you're heading in the right direction - what's not to like? We made sure to do away with VAT completely to help businesses increase their margins and hopefully reduce prices for consumers (probably the right move retrospectively considering recent inflation news!).

We also announced plans to take most people out of central income tax entirely by shifting more of it over to the fairer, progressive and less damaging GRT. Finally, we announced a plan to make us the most competitive country on CT in the whole G20 by lowering it and flattening it.

Ultimately profits are the most important part of running a company, and we made sure to send a message to the world that the UK is the place to do business, which can only help us all - everyone from shareholders to workers, more profits means more investing back into the company and that means more jobs and better products.

I was thinking at first that a Budget would be pointless and we should just write a bill, but then I realised I was in cloud cuckoo land. I think it's nice to give a bit of variation to the House. We get bills all the time, but having a Budget gave everyone a chance to discuss economics (normally perceived as dry) in a slightly more interesting and varied setting, and also gave us all a chance to emulate more of the processes of the real HoC, which is ultimately what we're supposed to do here, right? I think having it as a Budget Report sort of acted as a catalyst for discussion, there was quite a big response to it, that was nice to see, so I deem it a success in that respect.

Now, we just need to get as many of our budget plans into law as soon as possible and will release these over the course of this parliament through a number of bills. Our plans have been delayed slightly by the revelation of a Libertarian bill, which thankfully takes on our VAT abolition proposal and so we've decided to second that, and wait for the outcome because it changes what we can do slightly (due to the increased commitment to the RI). After that's hopefully passed, we'll move forward with our other tax plans and back them up with our spending plans.

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After that's hopefully passed, we'll move forward with our other tax plans and back them up with our spending plans. We want to keep the Budget deficit below £90bn but are not afraid of adding a bit to the current TSR deficit which stands at about a third less than that. It is important to point out that the deficit from our Budget, whilst a few billion greater than the current TSR deficit, is still a decent amount lower than the real life UK deficit target for this financial year.

So long as we're below £90bn then I'm happy, it means we've still managed to cut a quarter of the deficit away since last year, and our pro-growth measures are worth more than a few billion on the deficit anyway. If we were in stronger times I'd want balance within a single year, but right now we have to play a balancing act (no pun intended).

That means sticking to the real life Coalition plans to cut the deficit quickly, whilst still introducing a

number of pro-growth measures such as VAT abolition and income tax cuts.

Do that, and we get prosperity *through* austerity. Then of course we need to get through our shake-up of governmental departmental structure. Right now we have big government telling us how to live our lives and spending our money as a result, and it is time that we roll that back, and let freedom prevail once more, to completely redefine what government even means, and what role it needs to play in our lives.

Do we need a department for sport and art? Or can those things prosper on their own without the corrupting hand of the state, just as they did before the John Major years? Who should be in control of your destiny?

I'd say; you. I hope with this Budget that we made the first step towards that.

Canto I

by Js123 • *Lib Dem MP*

Sing, heavenly Muses, and tell us of
The resignation of wise Metrobeans,
And the trials of those who would seek to follow him.

Tell us of honourable Toronto;
Good Rory; the sly JPKC;
And of noble and virtuous Paddy.

For these are those who made, by force of oratory,
Their bids to take great Nick's exalted seat,
And sought to win the largest following;

Since it would be the people, or at least
Their representatives, who would make
The fatal choice, and raise one to the speakership.

So we begin with one of these at lowest ebb,
As fair Toronto is cast out on stormy seas,
His once firm grip on victory sore shaken.

Once more, he rallies his campaign, that was
Already once defeated by empty RON,
And find, to his dismay, a stiffer foe.

For now he is beset by three opponents
(as well as that hollow victor, RON),
All ready, able, and prepared for war.

Toronto and his faction could cry: 'Woe!'
But he, with natural courage, disdains such ways,
Instead returning boldly to the fray.

In his list of virtues, Toronto holds
Impartiality to be most high;
Frequently, he puts this as his major merit.

This value, though, is doubted much, by those
Who hold to a different stripe and cause:
Namely, those of noble Paddy's side.

'Impartiality is not a hard thing
To maintain,' argued one upon that side.
(Or other such words to that effect.)

Toronto cried aloud to this response:
'But I alone have had past experience
To be impartial!' But yet this found no purchase.

In defence of their besieged champion,
Toronto's party descried another course,
And did bewail against opponents thus:

'You did not vie before for this great honour.
Wherefore do you now make your stand for it,
Which our Toronto has sought long before?'

And with this, they thought that they had found
more joy.

MR SPEAKER – THIS IS YOUR (TSR) LIFE

Toronto353 • *TSR UKIP Leader*

Upon the announcement of Metrobean's resignation, there were mixed reactions.

Paddy_power announced a tickertape parade in honour of Mr. Speaker – dress code Mona the Vampire and colour scheme strictly pink; others locked themselves away for days in various darkened rooms surfing on TSR (admittedly no change there) and a few even launched into North Korean style outpourings of grief on the streets.

Admittedly my article won't be as lavish as those reactions – mainly because the MHOc wouldn't provide the funds for a studio and red book for a special version of This Is Your Life, but with my laptop, Nick's TSR posting record and a lot of spare time on my hands, I hope that I can produce just a small tribute to the MHOc legend that is Metrobeans.

Born on 9th March 2006, Metrobeans (or Nick as he's known to friend and enemy alike) didn't get involved in the HOC straightaway. As much as I'd like to say that the words in the first post from his new born TSR account were 'Where's the Speaker's chair?', they were in fact some pearls of wisdom about computing and maths. In fact, Nick didn't post into the HOC until 2008 – 2 years after his TSR birth – with the following words:

"Can you join a party but not be an active member. I agree with the policies, but don't have the time to be wallowing in seas of legislation".

Ah the follies of youth. In fact, upon encouragement from TSR sweetheart Jangrafess to do just that, Nick quickly joined TSR Labour and refrained from debating legislation for little over a month.

In May 2008, Nick participated in making that TSR Labour election video. Though one is still not sure as to which singer is which, Jangrafess kindly provided listeners with a helpful guide stating: "Just to clarify, [Nick] is the one who sounds seriously homosexual".

Shortly after this, Nick became one of the Commons Bar's resident barflies with frequent requests for drink after drink:

"A scotch for me, please! Long day!

Anyone want to take a break and have a drink?"

To this day, Nick still believes that the Commons Bar is real – just as he has the deputy Speaker check the Speaker's chamber daily for boogie monsters before he releases the update. However, Nick sobered up from his rampant alcoholism which would make even the great socialite tehFrance blush and moved onto milk stating: "I quite liked the free milk".

Though Nick's first few months in the HOC were little more than laziness, liquor and LOLs, his career was about to hit astronomical heights – that of TSR Labour leader. Through either ruthless backstabbing or simply because Nightowl stood down as leader and an election was called, Nick climbed the career ladder and became leader.

Even when attacking the Government, Nick maintained an air of authority similar to that of Speaker by taking a balanced and considered approach which can be summed up neatly by his remarks on the allegations of dupe accounts and spying on other parties: "I always thought mattbroon was a prat"

At this time, Nick was also sceptical of the formation of one TSR UKIP stating:

"Does this party intend to spy on other parties to acquire inside information? Are the other members your brother or various other dupes?"

However, Nick has since taken back these comments as a future member and supporter of TSR UKIP! Yet, during his time as leader of TSR Labour, Nick was always somewhat of a trouble causer. His biggest conflict of note was his infamous *Bar Fight!*, which lasted precisely one post – his own. Throughout his time as leader, he attempted many a time to put to bed the rumours started by Jangrafess about his voice and his sexuality with particular success thanks to his Freudian slip in the General Election of May 2009: *So UniOfLife vs Grape: Who has is the biggest dick?*

It would be those diplomatic skills which would be his greatest asset as Speaker. Back to the end of the General Election and in his last term as leader of TSR Labour, Nick aimed to answer the great philosophical questions of the day and perhaps he did so with this particular gem: *"I never get penis enlargement emails. Clearly the advertisers know they would be wasting their time..."*

With that particular issue sorted, Nick divided the Commons Bar – half needed intense therapy to get over that particular shock and the other half were too young to understand what Nick was talking about. A few months afterwards, Nick went back into the political wilderness and resigned as TSR Labour leader. Satirists wept on that day and still do so to this very day.

In July 2010, Nick then made the momentous political step from ex-leader to Speaker to the HOC. Nick's achievements in that role have been numerous, though he has courted controversy many a time (well I'm sure he has at some point, but there are 124 pages of posts left to go through and most of them are Amendment X has gone to Y). In all seriousness though, you will be sorely missed as the Speaker of the HOC. You've gone out of your way to make people feel welcome and appreciated and the forum as a whole is testament to that hard work. All that's left for me to say is: Nick, this is your life!

Disclaimer: All posts are posts that Nick has actually written unless stated otherwise.

Serving suggestion: Take the above article with a ton of salt (though not at once as that wouldn't be good for you).

Opinion and Debate

MacDaddi • *Opinion and Debate Editor*

Hello and welcome everybody to Ad HOC's first proper Opinion and Debate Section! First of all, I would like to thank everybody for their contributions to this section and secondly I look forward to keeping debate alive for future issues.

Our first debate is very topical and it has attracted views from across the House. Four different opinions from HOC MPs can be found below. But the debate isn't over – we want your views on the subject so please send them to us.

“IS THE HOUSE OF LORDS STILL RELEVANT, NEED REFORM OR IS IT AN OUTDATED INSTITUTION?”

TEHFRANCE (CONSERVATIVE MP)

My God what a question, is it relevant? Goodness gracious no, it is a hindrance a bunch of unelected pompous lords, lording it over the poor MPs that were actually elected to do what is right for the country (not that they ever do, the bastards).

I believe that it is an outdated institution in serious need of reform to an elected House of Lords so then I can vote those dastardly lords out, if they do not do as I wish. I mean all I ask for is a country that is able to run on a surplus and no one is creating such a setting for it to be achieved and quite frankly it pisses me off.

I say disband the House of Lords, Houses of Parliament and Democracy and install me as a dictator who get this country on the right track, we need a true right wing leader at long last. That said just, make them electable along with making the Prime Minister also directly electable and we will be on the route to a better democracy.

RHADAMANTHUS (LIBERTARIAN MP)

The House of Lords does not need reform, unless one believes that 'reform' can be put in place by a simple majority vote of the opposite house. The Lords has often been the last defence against the steady increase in the power of government.

I do not believe that reform is an ideal in and of itself, and if an unelected chamber consisting of knowledgeable, well-intentioned, non-political figures, filled with a sense of duty towards the public, can

easily be tempered with an elected House of Commons. Our unique constitutional arrangement has worked for hundreds of years and has made our democracy one of the worlds most successful; we do not need to change it

RAKAS21 (PRIME MINISTER)

The House of Lords is an ancient and revered institution of the UK political system.

Whilst the House of Lords is still a relevant institution performing the important task of analysing legislation and making recommendations (though some would argue that a cross party committee could perform this task equally adequately) it is my belief that the House Of Lords is indeed in need of modernization.

Whilst recent changes such as removing hereditary peers have moved some way towards this task it is my opinion that having a public institution which is not accountable to the electorate is abhorrent in the 21st century and so I support any moves towards a fully elected chamber.

Further, the arguments against an elected upper chamber are very weak, many cite expertise however it defies all logic as to why the public would not wish to elect a politician of great experience (though this issue is nullified to a degree by the party list proposal) and so I can only assume that those who object to the proposed modernisation are traditionalists or would seek to prevent the enrichment of democracy in our political institution.

Support the proposed reforms of the House of Lords, support democracy!

BIRCHINGTON (LIBERAL DEMOCRAT MP)

The debate surrounding House of Lords reform is thankfully re-emerging onto our political landscape. After 100 years, it is about time our upper chamber was brought in line with the democratic standards we rightfully aspire to hold in the 21st century.

The role of a second chamber is vitally important – it has the power to rigorously hold the Commons to account and provide crucial checks and balances. In its current form, however, it does not deserve to be called 'democratic'. It is time the unelected peers and religious clerics were removed, and the Lords reformed to comprise of elected, knowledgeable members. Our democracy requires this vital reform, and after 100 years it's time to act once and for all.

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CAPTION CONTEST WINNERS



"My God, how does Berlusconi keep getting such women?"

AOFLEICESTER



"So then Francois, will you sell, or do we have to invade again?"

AOFLEICESTER



"Excuse me, no touching my babe, thank you!"

MAZZINI



"That bunga bunga party was legen wait for it dary"

INTERNETGURU

THANKS TO ALL OUR ENTRANTS!

We have had many excellent entries that made us laugh, cringe and even mildly worried in some cases.

Ad HOC is proud to share our non-existent prize between three entrants – AofLeicester, Mazzini and Internetguru. Well done!

**ANY QUESTIONS? PM METROBEANS
(THE SPEAKER)**

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