

Why Gordon?

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From the [Guardian](#):

Brown presided over the tax system for 10 years, ushering in much anti-avoidance legislation but also several business-friendly reviews and "light touch" regulation from HM Revenue & Customs. He also rejected a general anti-avoidance rule as too onerous.

So when he was questioned on the subject on the floor of the House, shouldn't the greatest chancellor for decades have been capable of a more coherent reply?

The reason? He completely fluffed answers to Nick Clegg arising from the Guardian's [Tax Gap series](#).

Worrying. You'd have thought this was one thing he did know.