

## Osborne is denying Conservatives their election breakth...

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*Fresh evidence has emerged that George Osborne, the shadow Chancellor, is acting like a drag on David Cameron's campaign to win power on Thursday. A special poll of economists and financial analysts by Ipsos Mori shows that Cameron's campaign would take off if only he ditched Osborne.*

*In a poll of influential City figures asked to judge economic competence, Ken Clarke was the top choice to take over the helm at the Treasury again.*

*Clarke was John Major's Tory Chancellor from 1993 to 1997, when he handed over to Gordon Brown a golden economy compared to the car wreck being handed on by Brown.*

*Osborne - seen by many as a flash spiv compared to the reassuringly solid Clarke - came a poor fourth in the poll, conducted by Ipsos Mori for Reuters. He trailed behind the Labour Chancellor Alistair Darling and the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman Vince Cable.*

Not sure there's much to add to that.

Except, I suppose, "I told you so".