

93, not out

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William Keegan in the Observer reports comments by Denis Healy, the former Labour Chancellor, made last week. [He apparently said](#):

I feel sorry for George Osborne, despite his politics [pregnant pause] — and his personality.

Healey has always been the master of the pithy, biting, phrase. He still is, it seems, at the age of 93.