

## What about making taxation progressive @StellaCreasy?

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The [Guardian has published an interview with Stella Creasy MP](#). Its opening two paragraphs say:

*Labour should go into the next election promising to reassess every single item of departmental public spending in response to mounting government debt and the pressure on public resources caused by an ageing population, Stella Creasy, a Labour frontbencher has told the Guardian.*

*Creasy, one of the 2010 intake of MPs increasingly making their mark on parliament and best known for her campaigns against legal loan sharks, says Labour should propose a "zero-budget" spending review after the election in which every public service is re-examined. She argues that value for money in public spending is a "progressive agenda" because the poorest pay most tax.*

Now, I have no problem with reviewing spending to make sure it is targeted. That's fine. But isn't the way to overcome the problem of the poorest paying most tax as a proportion of income to tax the wealthiest more, not least because we all know from experience that spending reviews only prove there's remarkably little to cut from government spending? Or has this most obvious solution to this problem now become unsayable?

I hope not, for both Labour's sake and the country's sake.

I await Stella's response.