

Would the minister like to answer a straight question o...

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Catherine McKinnell MP, Labour Shadow Minister responsible for HMRC, was on form questioning David Gauke yesterday. Here's another exchange:

Gauke knows full well that McKinnell was not asking in the context of the extractive industries, but was asking about whether or not country-by-country reporting could help track down companies using and abusing tax havens.

He chose to ignore that.

I guess that's because he's on those companies' side.

Disclosure: I will be at meetings which both Catherine McKinnell and David Gauke will be attending next week.

PS I'm reliably told David Gauke reads this blog, regularly