

# The reality is there is no protection for whistleblower...

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There was a [telling exchange in written questions in the Commons yesterday](#):

[Catherine McKinnell](#) (Newcastle upon Tyne North, Labour)

To ask the [Chancellor of the Exchequer](#)

(1) which [Minister](#) in his Department is responsible for overseeing his Department's whistleblowing policy;

(2) what steps his Department is taking to protect whistleblowers; and if he will place in the Library a copy of his Department's whistleblowing policy.

[Sajid Javid](#) (Bromsgrove, Conservative)

In accordance with the Civil Service Code and the [Public Interest Disclosure Act](#) 1998, the Treasury has two nominated officers for investigating staff concerns: (i) a non-executive board member of the [Treasury Board](#) and Chair of the Treasury Group Audit Committee; and (ii) its Head of [Internal Audit](#). Ultimately, the Treasury's [Permanent Secretary](#) is responsible for the Department's whistleblowing policy. The Treasury's policy on whistleblowing is available to all its staff via its internal website. The information requested will be [deposited in the Library](#) of the House.

The trouble is it was a permanent secretary - Dave Hartnett - who set out to discredit Osita Mba when he whistle blew, appropriately.

The system is therefore inherently flawed.

Why didn't Sajid Javid acknowledge that obvious fact?