

Cameron's cutting Â£1 in every Â£100 claim does not...

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Cameron [keeps on saying](#):

The government needs to find £1 from every £100 it spends.

This is total government income and spending next year:

For the record, income is £666 billion and spending £745 billion so there is a forecast deficit of £79 billion.

And Cameron says he needs to cut spending by 1% to close the gap. That's £7.45 billion. Now, let's assume he does that every year, and cumulatively, [because he likes five year figures right now](#), that figure becomes £37 billion. Or a sum that is still well under half the deficit.

Now, I know George is making some heroic growth assumptions that will create extra tax revenues, but this is stretching credibility in a whole host of ways.

First, he he is not cutting by £1 in £100. That cannot work. He is cutting by very much more than that.

Second, if that was all that was required then we would not need cuts to social security of £12 billion.

Third, this pattern of conflating single and multiple years is plain straight forward deceitful.

Fourth, a little honesty really does help credibility and this claim is simply not honest.

Fifth, is the election to be riddled with claims as dubious as this? If so, [you can see why I feel like this](#).