

David Cameron should take note: he also borrowed my ide...

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A couple of days ago David Cameron [had a little go at me](#) because Jeremy Corbyn has borrowed some of my ideas. That's fine. That's his right. But I just thought I should remind him that in 2013 he was also into borrowing my ideas. Take this, [for example](#), from the Number 10 website:

The Prime Minister has written to Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council, setting out the case for radical global action to tackle tax evasion and aggressive tax avoidance.

The letter, copied into leaders of all EU member states, sets out the PM's ambition that the May European Council will inject the political will to tackle the problem and restore confidence in the fairness and effectiveness of our tax system, and calls for action in 4 key areas:

* *a new global standard for multilateral information exchange*

* *action plans to increase transparency in beneficial ownership*

* *reform of global tax rules through the G20 and OECD, including where we could go further, eg greater country-by-country company reporting on the tax paid in their countries of operation*

* *improving the ability of developing countries to collect tax, building on the example of the government's new joint unit*

Who created country-by-country reporting? I did.

Just saying Mr Cameron.

And yesterday, for the record, I recorded a comment on an interview Brewin Dolphin had with Vince Cable in which he also openly admitted to using my ideas when in opposition.

It seems ideas travel. Cheap jibes don't.