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I rather enjoyed [this exchange](#) between two SNP MPs in the House of Commons last night after an intervention by Tory MP Nadine Dorries. The debate was on whether or not the government should do impact assessments (cost estimates) on various aspects of Brexit:

[Patrick Grady](#)

My hon. Friend is absolutely right. An impact assessment, by definition, is more than simply something printed on the side of a bus.

[Mr MacNeil](#)

The argument put forward by the hon. Lady from England somewhere—the hon. Member for Mid Bedfordshire (Nadine Dorries)—is quite strange. It is akin to the person who says, “Given the cost of buying a map, isn’t it far better that we stumble around in the dark?” That is the argument against impact assessments: do not buy a map, stumble in the dark.

[Patrick Grady](#)

Exactly.

They are sentiments most with any common or financial sense would share.