

The economy isn't Scotland's problem â€“ it's ever...

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Robin McAlpine, who directs an organisation called Common Weal in Scotland, [wrote a great blog for them yesterday](#) under the above title.

What he quite effectively showed - using ONS and House of Commons data - was that Scotland is doing just fine as a UK region. The problem is that the whole of the UK suffers because London sucks the life, investment and income out of almost all its regions.

I won't do more than signpost the article here: I recommend reading it. And I endorse not only the analysis but also the suggestion that if Scotland was not a region but a country in its own right (which it is not at present) then its situation might be very different indeed.