

# Funding the Future

## Friday thoughts

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From my Twitter account this morning:

-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 40m  
Will Sunak announce changes to employers NIC next week to encourage new employment? Maybe, but only for the under 25s.  
1 retweet, 3 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 46m  
Will Sunak cut VAT for restaurants next week? No. He's still too worried of the EU to do that. But he may give out £50 restaurant credits to get people to go out instead. Make it free preloaded debit cards only capable of use in restaurants, cafes and pubs and this might work.  
4 retweets, 7 replies, 11 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 30m  
The government is being conned into thinking recovery is going swimmingly by two things. One is a bloated stock market buoyed by gov't QE funding. The other is pent up consumer demand funded by furlough. Neither will last. But Sunak is being fooled by both.  
3 retweets, 17 replies, 37 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 33m  
Boris Johnson has said that sitting around at home is not good for us. He's called it 'suspended animation'. Very soon he's going to face record unemployment. What's he going to call that?  
14 retweets, 41 replies, 84 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 37m  
Sunak's strap line for his announcement next week should be 'Full employment comes before the deficit'. I can't see that happening. If it doesn't the government has opted for unemployment. This time it's a choice.  
2 retweets, 20 replies, 21 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 40m  
The most useful changes that Sunak could announce next week are increased support for parents and a reformed Universal Credit taper that does not penalise low earners nearly so much. Both are going to be vital to beat the poverty we have, with more coming our way very soon.  
2 retweets, 16 replies, 29 likes