

# Funding the Future

## Thursday morning thoughts: dark humour warning

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From my [tweets](#) this morning, best read from the bottom up:

-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 53m  
The austerity fetishists, like Rushi Sunak, worry about a completely meaningless number - gross debt before we take QE into account. They ignore a real number - which is the total number unemployed, whose pain, anguish and heartache will haunt this country all too soon  
3 replies 56 retweets 79 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 53m  
Sunak agreed with Sajid Javid yesterday that he must 'restore sound government finances'. Welcome back austerity then, coming your way very soon  
16 replies 29 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 56m  
The deficit fetishists, from @bbclaurak to @chrisgiles\_ are out in force today saying 'who is going to pay for all this spending?' The millions who are unemployed will do, with their jobs, hopes and wellbeing because the gov'ts failing to invest in them  
3 replies 42 retweets 76 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 59m  
The only big idea Sunak displayed yesterday was the need to grab today's headlines. We got Meal Deal and not Green New Deal, and quick bungs rather than long term rebuilding. It all bodes very badly for when unemployment really hits, as it will....  
6 replies 26 retweets 42 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h  
The government had to be dragged, kicking and screaming, to spend £120 million on support for children who have free school meals over this summer. But now it can spend £500 million to get those who can still afford it into Pizza Express. Talk about getting priorities wrong  
7 replies 149 retweets 217 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h  
The government claimed yesterday that it had spent £15bn on PPE in 4 months. That is 10% of the annual cost of the NHS in four months on PPE, and still there were massive shortages. And does that figure make sense? I don't think so. Not for a minute. So where's the money going?  
26 replies 143 retweets 221 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h  
Sunak was reported to be refusing £10 billion for the #NHS at the weekend. Yesterday he gave away that much in useless stamp duty and job retention schemes that will not work. Talk about getting priorities wrong  
2 replies 34 retweets 54 likes
-  **Richard Murphy** @RichardJMurphy · 1h