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Is Sunak a fit and proper person to be in charge of the...

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Sky [broadcast a damning interview](#) with Rishi Sunak yesterday in the links he has, via his wife and her holdings in Infosys, to Russia, in which it is widely reported that Infosys is still trading:



In response I tweeted this:



The Mirror called me and asked for an interview. I explained my logic, [saying in an article in that paper today](#):

I follow a rule which is commonplace in finance, which is to ask the question whether someone is a fit and proper person to undertake the job. The person has to prove that they are independent, to be able to offer objective advice on which people can rely, and

that their opinion making is free from influence.

Rishi Sunak is the man in charge of our nation's finances. My question is, is he a fit and proper person to be in charge? Is he objective and able to form an uninfluenced opinion about what is best for this country, independent of Russia's influence on his family's fortune? I don't think he is.

I happen to think that an important issue, especially when he does not even declare this association in the MP's Register of Interests when very obviously it has a significant impact on his family's fortunes.

As The Mirror notes, Infosys did confirm to them they are still running a small operation in Russia that services global clients locally, but are not serving local clients. When many firms have pulled out of Russia I think it reasonable to wonder why that is necessary.

And, as did Sky, I think the Chancellor needs to be held to account for what does influence his decision making. I doubt his objectivity, as very clearly do others, and think it right to have that on the record.