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As the [FT has noted](#):

Boris Johnson has threatened to privatise public bodies including the Passport Office and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency unless they sort out their major backlogs, he told a cabinet meeting on Tuesday.

The British prime minister said some public bodies had fallen victim to a “post-Covid mañana culture” with slower services than the public had a right to expect, officials said.

This is a classic right wing case study. These agencies, like others, have had the resources available to them cut to the absolute minimum. Then an unexpected surge in activity arises, in this case because of Covid, and it is said that they must be privatised.

By the time that they might be the surge condition will, of course, have long gone. But the excuse would remain.

Today it is the Passport Office and DVLA being lined up for privatisation. Will it be the NHS next?