It looks like Labour will follow the Tory's plan for au...

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I have [already mentioned](#) being on the Jeremy Vine Show today. Just about the last comment Jeremy made was that as far as he could tell Labour had no answer to what the Tories were doing, or appeared to agree with it.

There was rare unanimity for that studio when Mark Littlewood and I are in it. I had to agree that Labour appears to be on precisely the same wavelength as the Tories.

I wrote about the in The National in Scotland today:

https://twitter.com/ScotNational/status/1593249347445043200?s=20&t=xMo_OQdr45Gd4PcRq-rHDQ

The link in the Tweet is live and access to the National for a whole year need cost no more than £1 right now.

My conclusion in that article was:

> My point is simple: unless and until Labour has an economic plan of its own (and right now it has nothing that looks even vaguely like one) we have to assume it will do exactly what the Tories would have done if and when they win office, exactly as happened in 1997. And that could be really disastrous for the UK as a whole, and is yet another reminder that **Westminster** politics and Westminster politicians do nothing for Scotland.

Having written this I heard Pat McFadden on the BBC's Politics Live being intensely questioned by Faisal Islam who tweeted this as a result:

> **Faisal Islam** ✔
> @faisalislam
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> 🚨 NEW PAt McFadden MP confirms on #PoliticsLive my story that Labour will accept the OBR assessment and the 5 year timeframe to reduce debt/GDP, ie on current plans accept that if they win the election there is a £54bn 2% GDP fiscal consolidation to enact
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It would seem that my assumption in The National was right: Labour is planning to follow the Tory plans if they get into office and accepts that there are the wholly artificially manufactured constraints the Tories have created to impose austerity as if they are real.

I despair.