

The process of government is being daily and deliberate...

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This Tweet refers to an exchange yesterday between Lady Hallett, Chair of the Covid Inquiry, and counsel for the Cabinet Office. The video is worth watching:

<https://twitter.com/bestforbritain/status/1666105838442881027?s=61&t=fQEnD35XLiGihXLT1M1wyA>

In summary, someone was paid by the government yesterday to say that “the Cabinet Office’s position is that it is working out its position”. This is despite the Cabinet Office having been in possession of a demand for data from the Covid Inquiry for more than four months now.

The answer is, of course, ludicrous. It is quite absurd that the Cabinet Office does not have a position. It’s absurd because the statement is not true. The truth is that the government has got a position. The statement is in fact part of its position. That position is to prevaricate and delay and so maintain the status quo, which this government thinks advantageous when it is apparent to all that change is necessary.

What Lady Hallett should not be surprised about is that this is happening. After all, the government’s effective refusal to engage with her is unsurprising. It refuses to engage with the economy, which is why the Bank of England is being allowed to wreak havoc. It refuses to engage with climate change, at cost to us all. It also refuses to engage with law and order, where any realistic attempt at enforcement has largely ceased to exist. And it refuses to engage on almost any other issue, unless it has made the issue in which it engages up for the benefit of it being reported in the right wing media.

We have a government without a position, except that is to permit the perpetuation of situations that permit the abuse of power and the development of growing inequality in society. That is the government’s position. It is actually abundantly clear.

The only problem arises when the government is forced to explain it, which is what happened yesterday. And then its lawyer was instructed to make himself look stupid. But he, no doubt, is in the eyes of his ministerial masters, a pawn to be sacrificed.

And so we go on with the process of government being daily and deliberately undermined by those elected to office to do just that. This is the neoliberal end game.