

No government can spend itself out of a recession

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The Tories have always tried to deny that a government can spend itself out of a recession, but Jeremy Hunt has a much more bizarre plan.

Hunt is doing a sponsored LondoOn Marathon in late April and last Friday posted this on Twitter:

 **Jeremy Hunt**  @Jeremy_Hunt · Mar 1 ...
17 miles in a rainy Hyde Park as part of my marathon training this morning. Poppy managed the first 9 bless her. Good thinking time for my Budget speech...
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TCS London Marathon

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What Hunt does in his free time is, of course, up to him. But doing a 17-mile run on a workday does seem odd.

More bizarrely, he is doing this run to raise funds for the NHS. Think about that for a moment. This is the man who was in charge of the NHS for many years, from 2012. And this is the man who can now give it any additional money he likes. But instead of that, he thinks he has to run a marathon to raise charitable funds for it instead.

Really? Is that how bereft he is of ideas on how to fund our public services? As a metaphor for the state of the Conservative Party and its thinking, that seems pretty grim to me.

No problem this country faces will be solved by Jeremy Hunt running around a park. Has anyone told him that?