

The working day

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There is a rumour, much-beloved of the right wing trolls who frequent this blog a lot more often at present than the comments section might suggest, that I do not really work. Then, when I admit to needing a day off they troll again.

So, let me recount a day last week. It was Wednesday.

Six blogs were published, with comments dealt with.

Five videos were recorded (some more than once, because Thomas is more than willing to tell me when he thinks I can do better) and work with him on the edits of a couple was begun.

Podcasts with AccountingWEB and Scotonomics were recorded, each being about an hour in length.

The slides for a postgraduate seminar presentation were written.

Preparatory notes for an undergraduate lecture the next day were reviewed.

And an hour was spent in a meeting with colleagues from Sheffield, the International Budget Project and the Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency on the video series we are making, in which I have a big role.

The day started before 6.30am and ended at around 8pm.

If that is shirking, I think my trolls should try it.