

Funding the Future

The new UK government needs to get its accounts in order...

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This [morning's short video](#) has now been published. In it, I argue that the UK government's accounts for March 2023 have not been published as yet, and are well overdue. If Labour wants to govern well, it has to get on top of this issue – and report, as the private sector has to do, on a timely basis. Nothing less will do.



You [can view the video here](#).

The transcript is:

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The last accounts that the UK government as a whole published were for the period to March 2022. We're now in July 2024.

If your tax return was that late, you would have been fined very heavily.

If you were a company that late with your accounts, you may well have been struck off the Register of Companies. You would have ceased to be.

But the UK government has not yet published its accounts for 2023.

If this government cannot get its accounting in order, it cannot explain to us why it has a right to tax and why it has a right to expend resources on our behalf.

Unless it gets its accounts in order, this government will fail because it won't be accountable.

And to me, that's utterly unacceptable.