

# Funding the Future

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The [Guardian has just posted](#) that:

*Sue Gray has resigned from her position as Keir Starmer's chief of staff and will take on a new government role, No 10 has announced.*

*Gray said she was standing down because it had "become clear to me that intense commentary around my position risked becoming a distraction to the government's vital work of change".*

It's important to recall that Simon Case, the head of the civil service, also resigned within the last week, supposedly on health grounds.

Case was not Starmer's choice, but the briefing against him was intense.

Gray was Starmer's choice, and it would seem as if it was an extremely unwise one.

To lose one pivotal manager in a week is unfortunate.

To lose two is not careless: it says something deeply uncomfortable about the boss. In this case, I think the message is clear: he's not up to the job. The centre cannot hold, as the saying goes. Time will tell if I am right.