

# Another Labour minister spouting total nonsense on defence

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The list of ministers talking total bullshit nonsense to the media last night also included Luke Pollard MP, the armed forces minister.

His claim was that extra defence spending is a great contribution to Labour's growth agenda.

This is total drivel misinformation. Of all types of government spending that can contribute to growth, defence spending is easily the worst. This is for one straightforward and obvious reason. This is that defence expenditure produces nothing at all of value to the rest of society.

Defence spending is, in economic terms, the equivalent of digging holes and not even then filling them in again. Not only is no value created for anyone. The reality is that harm might well result, whilst resources that could be used for social purposes are lost to this activity.

To put it another way, defence spending is like the proverbial black hole into which the Tories claim, quite untruthfully, that most government spending is poured because, in this case, that is how, economically, it contributes to the economy.

I repeat, I am not saying we do not need defence spending. I am saying Labour ministers need to stop talking crap offering falsehoods in defence (pun intended) of this spending.

Alternatively, if they do not know that they're spouting untruths, they are not fit for office. I rather suspect Pollard falls into that category. He acts and sounds like a willing fool.