

Funding the Future

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The opening paragraphs of [my column in The National](#) yesterday said:

EVERY time an idiot appears on the world stage, my experience tells me that someone will come along who wants, at the very least, to match them in terms of stupidity.

Elon Musk is an idiot and a dangerous one at that. He is creating mayhem in the US government at present, with massive and harmful consequences for the people of that country, and millions, if not billions, of people outside it. That's because of his utterly reckless behaviour in trying to slash the size of the US government without any consideration of the consequences.

James Watt, the founder and former chief executive of Brewdog, is the fool who is now trying to match him in terms of stupidity.

James Watt was co-founder of the Brewdog brewery. He once appeared to be a champion of corporate responsibility. Now he has swung to the far right, and what he is proposing is that he set up a 'Shadow DOGE' to copy Musk and slash what he calls waste in UK government spending.

As I point out in my column, others - like the so-called Taxpayer's Alliance - have been here before and despite their claims, Tories when they got into office never found any of the waste the TPA claimed existed prior to 2010.

But, more than that, his weapon of preference to find this waste is to bombard the government with Freedom of Information requests - wasting vast amounts of government money in the process unless they rumble him and refuse to reply.

A person should really do a little research before issuing a press release like James Watt's. He very clearly did not.