

Ministerial bollocks

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Some or all of these lines have been offered by Labour this morning in response to questions on what is happening in markets:

- You would not expect us to provide a running commentary (Yes, we would).
- We are straining every sinew (Why?)
- We are working around the clock (I hope not: it impairs judgement).
- We are consulting with stakeholders (Has anyone asked you? No? Me, neither. That's a lie, then. Were stakeholders in this).
- We will be talking to our partners (Who?)
- We are seeking a solution (What else would you be doing?)
- This is a fast moving situation (And other such statements of the obvious).
- I can't address hypotheticals (You can, and you should; that's what economic management and politics is all about).

And other such twaddle.

Someone must teach this crap.

That explains why I will never do media training.