

# Funding the Future

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The [FT has reported](#):

*The exodus of wealthy UK residents following last year's Budget has hit the market for butlers, housekeepers and security guards in London's largest homes.*

*Many of the rich non-doms who left the UK after changes to the tax regime have kept their houses but no longer had full-time staff, according to Caroline Baker, who provides management service for luxury properties.*

They added:

*Baker added that the downsizing of full-time staff meant it was now "easier to find good-quality, high-calibre candidates" who can start immediately.*

My immediate reaction was to think, 'First world problems'. And then I revised that to 'Elite problems, solved'. After that I got to, 'Is this what we're worried about?' Finally, I just thought, 'Really, you think that's worth reporting?'

Is the reason for keeping the non-dom rule that we want to ensure that the shortage in supply of butlers continues?

Of all the problems in the world, is the supply of staff willing to live at the beck and call of the ultra-rich the issue that now has to feature in the FT, and be the concern of our politicians?

Are the FT serious? This is really not an issue of concern, most especially when the world totters on the brink of fascism, genocide is a reality again, and climate change is continuing apace. And yet, the FT are worrying about demand for butlers.

This is an issue my series on wealth will look at.