

Not on the Budget bingo card

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As the [ONS](#) has reported this morning:

Real gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 0.3% in the three months to August 2025 compared with the three months to May 2025, a slight increase following growth of 0.2% in the three months to July 2025.

If your reaction is "whoopie" and "what's the margin for error, because that is as close to zero as things get without actually being it" then I think you will have got your sentiments right.

Meanwhile, [we're heading for a crash](#), but Rachel Reeves won't be mentioning that today —or at any other time in the run-up to her Budget, if it hasn't happened by then. Facing reality is not something on her Budget bingo card.