

Today's agenda

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Budget day is always busy for me.

I am heading for London this morning and will be at the BBC by 12, and will Tweet my Budget comments live as Reeves delivers her speech. I might also try to add some commentary here.

Radio 2's producers and I hope that she speaks for no more than an hour (and let's be honest, what has she left to talk about?) so that Mark Littlewood (formerly of the Institute of Economic Affairs) and I can join Jeremy Vine in the BBC Radio 2 studios to discuss what Reeves has had to say.

At 2, that is over, and whilst I might have another interview or two to do immediately, I also plan to record my immediate reactions to the Budget before heading back home. I will be taking a camera with me. Thomas will then edit that as I head home, maybe writing a post or two on the way. After that, we will record a longer reaction, which will be released on Thursday morning. Thomas will be on a late editing shift. And I will then be ready to make several podcasts on Thursday, for which I already have invitations.

After that, I might take a break for an hour or two. Deciding to write an Alternative Budget made the last two weeks much busier than usual, but I think it is a valuable benchmark for some of my thinking at present.

Then, we move on. This campaign is never-ending.

But one thing I already know. Yesterday, Rachel Reeves put out a [YouTube video](#) on the Budget. This is a screenshot:



After 18 hours, she had 187 views.

We got more than seven times as many viewers in the first half hour of this morning's video being live.

That is one small victory. We need a few more.