

30/11/2020, 22:05 - Ben:

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30/11/2020, 22:06 - Tom Shinner:

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Hope all's well with you. I imagine things must have been quite tough over last few weeks...! Hope you're holding up OK!

30/11/2020, 22:08 - Ben: Thanks, uncertainty doesn't keep me up at night so its not too bad.

We will just have to let the dust settle and then decide the best plan.

30/11/2020, 22:09 - Tom Shinner: Glad to hear it! Still lots of good work to do!

25/12/2020, 19:48 - Ben: Happy Christmas.

25/12/2020, 20:19 - Tom Shinner: And to you!

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06/02/2021, 16:16 - Tom Shinner: Hey mate, hope you're doing well. How's the madhouse?

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HMT screwed us once Dom left, and I had to chose what I wasn't going to fight for. Hopefully CO will find budget but we will see. Alex Chislom still seems keen.

As for the madhouse - it is fucked. People were talking why the first plan worked and all the rest didn't. I said Shinner wrote the first one, and consensus has written the rest!

06/02/2021, 21:52 - Tom Shinner: For sure; I'm around all afternoon so just let me know what time works for you

06/02/2021, 21:52 - Tom Shinner: <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/feb/05/rishi-sunak-government-pandemic-chancellor>

Depressingly I think there's quite a lot of truth in this about Treasury approach

06/02/2021, 22:02 - Ben: I am waging my own small war against HMT, their culture is fucked.

My new favourite line whenever they mention VFM is "well it is only X percent of eat out to help out and probably won't have such a terrible effect"

06/02/2021, 22:02 - Tom Shinner: ahaha

16/02/2021, 15:42 - Ben:

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