

Follow The Money



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The past couple of years have been noteworthy for the vast amounts of money expended by our governments ostensibly on our behalf but without our permission or, sometimes, knowledge. Financial control appears to have been seriously deficient.

Especially in Scotland it is becoming apparent that large amounts have been squandered on what may seem to be pet or vanity projects of the Scottish government, or just badly managed projects. Examples include Bi-Fab, Prestwick Airport, the Lochaber Smelter, "Scottish embassies" and, of course, the infamous ferries.

A lot of this money seems to have just vanished. This is not acceptable. We will establish a public financial reporting system in which every monetary transaction will be visible within 24 hours of being made. Technically this is quite simple and reasonably cheap as long as we have competent financial computer systems. If we don't, that's a problem in itself.

There will be no commercial confidentiality where public funds are involved. The only money that will not be visible will relate to personal salaries under £100K and national security.

The code name of the informant whose information led to the eventual downfall of US President Richard Nixon after the Watergate affair was "Deep Throat". His famous advice - that led to the downfall of the President - was to "follow the money".

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