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“Jeremy Corbyn's plan to pay for elderly care:
increasing the basic rate of income tax to 25p for
millions of working people #GE2017”

Conservative Party press office, 22 May 2017

“If you take all 52 or 54 Commonwealth countries, they make up just 9% of all our exports.”

Barry Gardiner, 1 June 2017

“One in ten nursing posts are vacant.”

NHS Roadshow video, 30 May 2017

“70% of children growing up in poverty live in a household where at least one person is working.”

SNP manifesto launch, 30 May 2017

WHAT IS FULL FACT?



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WHAT DO RESEARCHERS AT FULL FACT DO?



Did you see this graphic? It's wrong.

Here are some reasons why:

These figures are for total healthcare spending and mean little without context. The NHS faces an ageing population and rising costs.

The comparison ignores inflation. Total education spending fell from £100bn in 2009/10 to £87bn in 2015/16.

There's no single definition of what we spend on 'welfare' and we're not sure what's being counted here as we can't match the figures.

£5.93 would be worth more like £6.75 today. It also compares rates for different age groups.

It's not clear how far this is all down to government policy. In 2010 we had only recently come out of a recession.

GET INFORMED	2010	2017
Annual Deficit	£153.5bn	£43.1bn
NHS Budget	£111.7bn	£122.6bn
Defence Budget	£41bn	£45.6bn
Education Budget	£88.5bn	£86.2bn
Transport Budget	£23bn	£28.3bn
Welfare Budget	£110.7bn	£113.2bn
Police Budget	£2.8bn	£3.8bn
Minimum Wage	£5.93	£7.50
Tax Free Allowance	£6,475	£11,500
Unemployment	8%	4.6%
GDP	£2.4tn	2.9tn

(2017 & NOT PUBLISHED, & ABOVE IS 2016)

SOURCES
http://www.ukpublicspending.co.uk/past_spending
http://www.ukpublicspending.co.uk/year_spending_2010/ukbn_17bcin_50#uks302
<https://tradingeconomics.com/united-kingdom/unemployment-rate>
<http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.VS.MVET.TD>

The deficit will be £58bn this year. The fall looks bigger compared to the size of the economy.

Defence spending was worth £43bn in 2009/10 and £38bn in 2015/16. It's planned to rise but not this far.

The comparison isn't consistent. Network Rail is counted in the latest figures—it wasn't in 2010. It also ignores inflation.

These figures are wrong. The police budget fell from £14bn to £11bn in today's prices between 2010/11 and 2017/18.

There has been a rise, but ignoring inflation makes the rise seem bigger. £6,475 would be worth about £7,375 now.

The figures are quoted in US dollars but labelled as UK pounds. We don't know if it would have grown slower under a different government.

WHAT'S IN A FACTCHECK?



"A census put the Jungle population at 4,480 in June but aid workers estimate it is home to at least 9,100 now with hundreds more arriving each week."

Daily Express, 24 August 2016

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