

Dear Sir,

When Labour mercifully dumped Blair, overrated Gordon Brown thought he might like a stab at being Premier without troubling the electorate. Unfortunately there was nothing we could do to stop this but I for one thought we could at least expect a refreshing period of honesty.

How wrong I was. Brown now has more spin doctors around him than ever and very little is presented in a honest manner.

First of all we had the spin on the EU Constitution in another name. Then came the 42 days detention without charge. Now we have the dishonest spin on the backdated proposed increases in road fund duty. Brown had the bare faced nerve to stand up in the Commons and say these measures were designed to discourage people from buying so called "gas guzzling" cars. How can backdating the increase for cars bought from 2001 discourage the cars owners from buying the cars? The owners bought them in good faith and have paid increases in road fund duty when imposed.

If Brown had been honest he would have admitted that this proposal is no more than a further tax increase needed to feed the Government's insatiable appetite for revenue to feed the tax, borrow and waste culture Brown has inflicted upon us. There is also the desperate attempt to reign in the out of control record Government borrowing set to hit £40 billion.

Yours faithfully

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