

*Yes, Minister... "Doing the Honours"*

You should now know enough Economics to make sense out of what's going on here, economically. This episode is all about incentives, perverse and otherwise.

1. Why does Hacker want to cut government spending?
2. What sort of incentive does Bernard recommend? Why does he not want the credit for suggesting it?
3. Why does Sir Humphrey oppose Jim/Bernard's idea? What further incentive to oppose the idea does Sir Arnold provide?
4. What incentive does Sir Humphrey offer Hacker to give Baille College a special exemption?
5. What does Hacker ask for in order to accept Sir Humphrey's deal?
6. Were the cuts Humphrey offered to Hacker real cuts, or fudged figures? If you claim they were fudged, how could you fudge data to show a 5% cut in the budget of a hypothetical government department? (Hint: See if you can remember fudges from previous episodes...)

Webb's favorite quote:

Jim Hacker: "Ah yes, I thought you might say that. It may interest you to know, Humphrey, that the Most Noble Order of the Garter was founded in 1348 by King Edward III. I think perhaps it may be coming towards the end of its trial period now, don't you?"

What's your favorite quote?