

# George Osborne to quit as MP for Tatton at election

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Former chancellor George Osborne has quit his role as an MP, his new employer the Evening Standard has reported.

The Conservative MP for Tatton, who will become editor of the newspaper, said: "I am stepping down from the House of Commons - for now."

He said he was "very excited" about working at the Evening Standard.

Mr Osborne's decision comes after Theresa May's call for a snap election on 8 June.

"I will go on fighting for that Britain I love from the editor's chair of a great newspaper. It's still too early to be writing my memoirs."

Following last month's announcement that Mr Osborne would be taking over as editor of the London-based free newspaper from Sarah Sands, questions had been asked about how he would combine that role with being an MP for a northern constituency.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to edit the Evening Standard."

He failed to get a place on The Times' trainee scheme after graduating from Oxford University - at which he edited its Isis magazine - and was briefly a freelance reporter on the Daily Telegraph's diary column.

Since being axed as chancellor by Theresa May when she became PM last July, Mr Osborne has picked up a number of other jobs.

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## George Osborne's various jobs

- MP for Tatton: Paid £74,962 a year
  - Editor, London Evening Standard: Paid £200,000, according to reports
  - Adviser, BlackRock Investment Institute: Paid £650,000 a year
  - Chair, Northern Powerhouse Partnership: Unpaid
  - Kissinger Fellow at the McCain Institute: £120,212 stipend to cover travel and research costs
  - Washington Speaker's Bureau: Paid nearly £800,000 for engagements since July
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