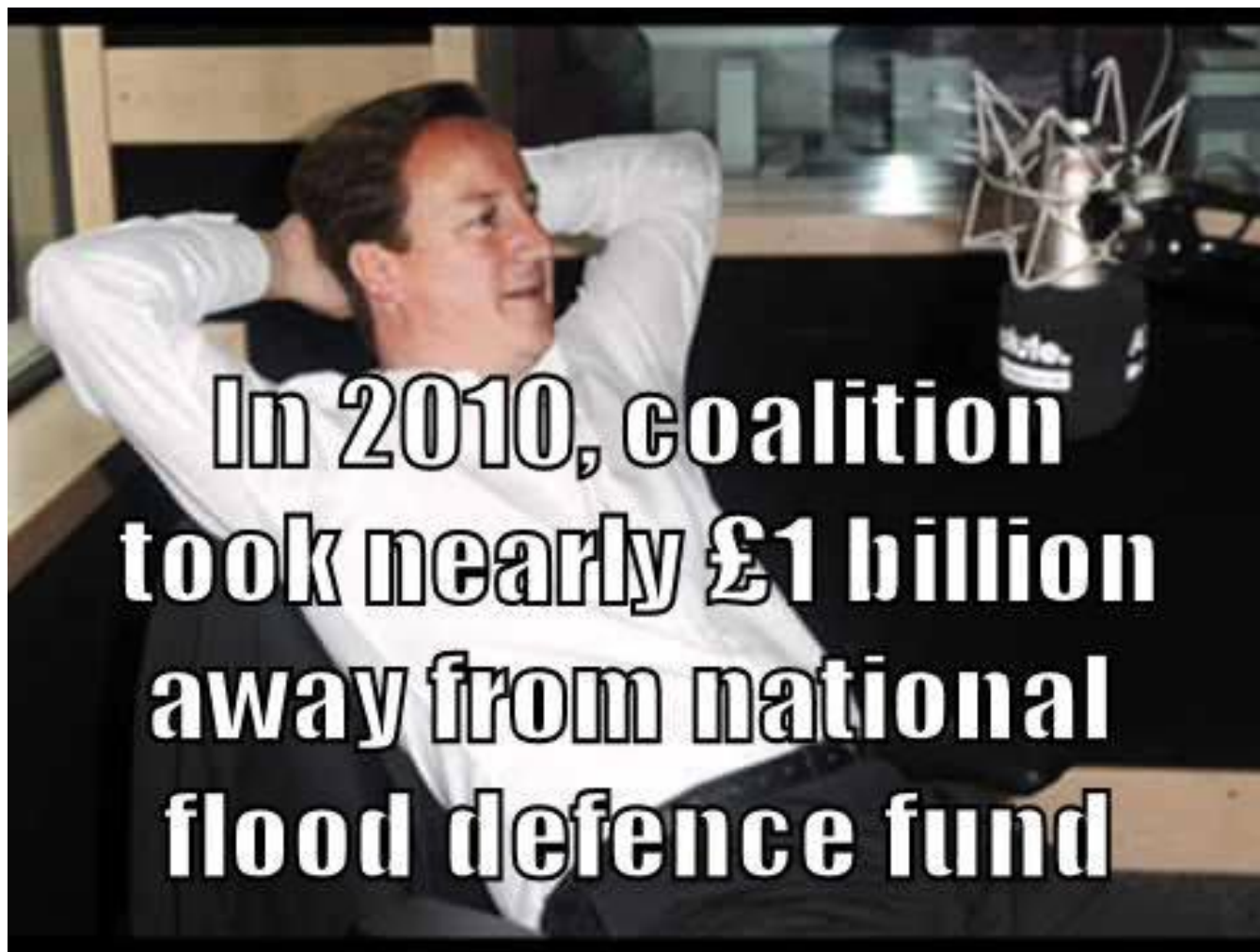


Timeline of all the preparation and swift response to flooding



<http://www.westerndailypress.co.uk/Richard-Cottrell-David-Cameron-s-visit-Somerset/story-20594446-detail/story.html>

...but wait, they weren't to know about the floods up and coming back then when they re-allocated the funds to pay for Cameron's new painting.

When the floods do come, you can trust the Tories to spring into action and sort it out? Of course you can.

Here is that plan...

CAMERON'S RESPONSE TO FLOODING

Early December : 2,600 properties flooded

No response from Cameron

Late December: 4,000 properties flooded

No response from Cameron

Early January: 4,718 properties flooded

No response from Cameron

Late January: 5,047 properties flooded

No response from Cameron

5 February : flooding spreads across large parts of England

Cameron holds a meeting named after a snake

6 February: thousands of residents evacuated

Cameron holds a meeting named after a snake

8 February: at least 250 more properties flooded over one weekend

Cameron blames Labour

9 February: at least 600 homes flooded in one week

Cameron holds a meeting named after a snake

10 February: number of homes flooded estimated at over 6,000

Cameron cabinet blame each other

It's a fair cop – Eric admits his mistake as analysts produce a map of how a future London will look if flooding continues to be overlooked.



<http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/uk-news/2014/02/09/crisis-meeting-as-storms-forecast/>

Don't worry though all is in hand.

If you've got a flood, Eric has got you covered with his cunning plan...



<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/10626939/Eric-Pickles-Spend-aid-abroad-to-stop-flooding-in-the-UK.html>

So the next time you're trapped upstairs due to flooding and you're shouting out of the window for help – don't worry. Expect a dingy with fully trained personnel to take your money for foreign aid – because that will stop more UK floods.

**“Lessons should
be learned.”**

David Cameron on the Dumfries
floods, **18 December 2009**

**“Everybody needs to
...learn all the lessons.”**

David Cameron on the Somerset
floods, **11 February 2014**



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from **Mirror**



If you're feeling a bit of déjà vu about David Cameron's statements regarding the Somerset floods, you're not alone

The Prime Minister has returned to London this afternoon to hold a press conference and tell the media what he has learned from his tour of the floods in Somerset.

It's not the first time he's "learned" things from flood visits.

On 18 December 2009, six months before he became Prime Minister, Cameron visited the town of Dumfries which had been hit by flooding, killing a police officer. He had this to say:

*"I wanted to come... to understand **what lessons should be learned** not only for Dumfries and Galloway but also for other parts of the country."*

Four years after become Prime Minister, he's still talking about these "lessons."

From **7 February 2014**:

“There are lessons to learn... but right now the priority is that everyone in Somerset who needs help is getting help.”

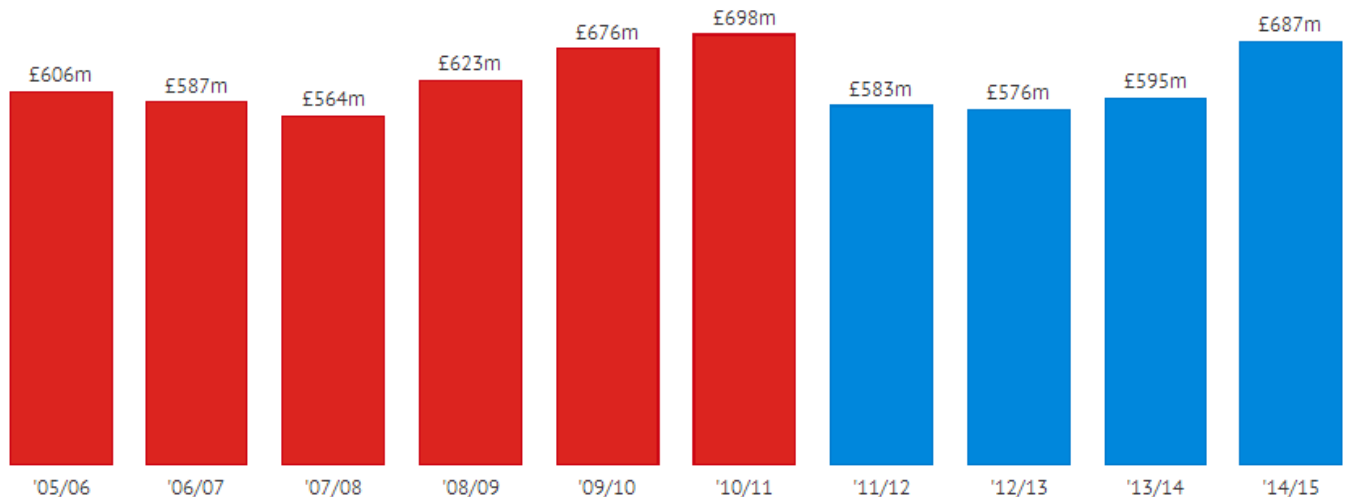
And **from today** 11th February 2014:

*“...everybody needs... **to learn all the lessons** of the very difficult situation we’re in. That’s what everyone needs to do, that’s what’s going to happen in the days and weeks ahead.”*

It’s hard to see what lessons Cameron has learned, because soon after he became Prime Minister, he oversaw huge cuts to Defra’s budget as part of the coalition’s austerity agenda.

Coalition cuts to flood and coastal erosion defences

Defra Funding for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management in England spending and budget allocation adjusted for inflation (in 2012/13 prices) including additional £130 million funding announced on 6 Feb 2014, not including additional £148 million local funding



Source:

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The chart above show the value of Defra's budget to fight flooding dramatically dropping as soon as coalition spending cuts came into effect.

Maybe he should take some maths lessons too.

We think this tweet by the Telegraph's sketch writer Michael Deacon nicely sums up the situation:



Michael Deacon ✓
@MichaelPDeacon

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CAN WE ALL PLEASE START LEARNING THE
LESSONS. WE NEED TO LEARN THE LESSONS.
THESE LESSONS, WHATEVER THEY ARE, ARE
CRYING OUT TO BE LEARNT

1:20 PM - 11 Feb 2014

10 RETWEETS 8 FAVORITES

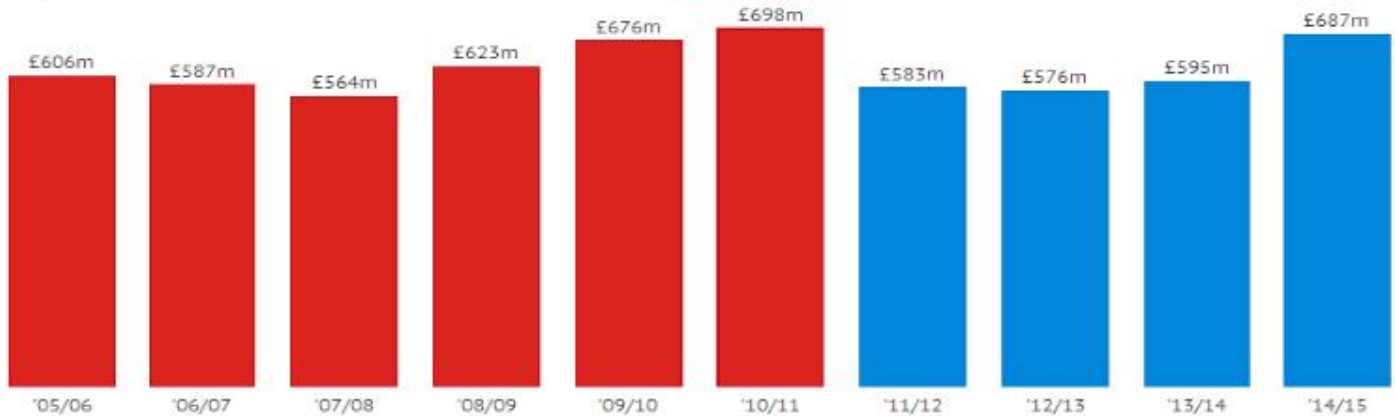


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Cameron's hit at Labour backfires:

<http://beastrabban.wordpress.com/2014/02/12/the-floods-and-camerons-lies/>

We don't think he's learned those lessons yet – do you?