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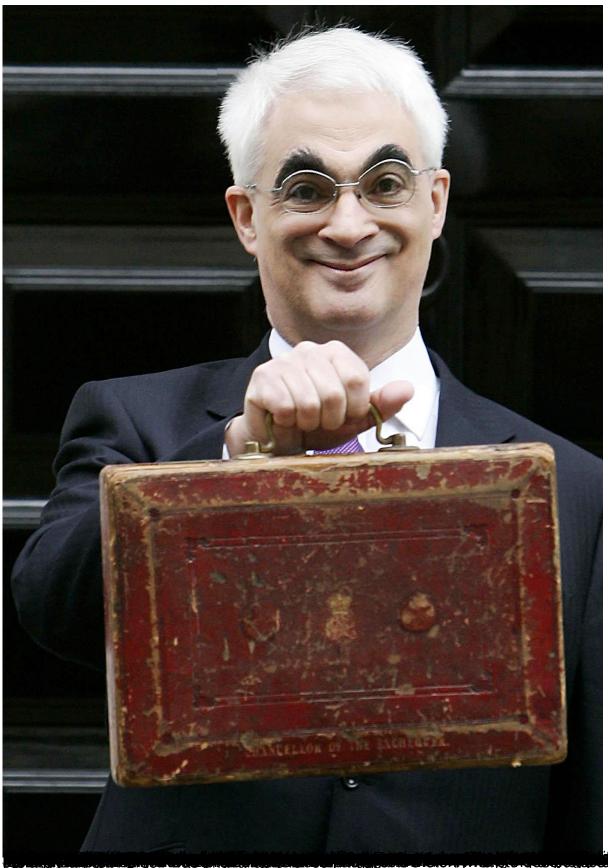
As the transitional team for Gerald Ford gathered around a kitchen table to plan his transition to President, replacing disgraced President Nixon in the aftermath of Watergate, one of them commented "One day, this kitchen table will have a place in the Smithsonian Museum".

In a remarkable coincidence, as the team of patriots brought together to ensure the downfall of disgraced President Salmond in the aftermath of Biscuitgate gathered round Alastair Darling's kitchen table (pictured)

The group included No 10 director of political strategy, Andrew Cooper and former Scottish Conservative leader David McLetchie, along with Shadow Foreign Secretary Douglas Alexander

and Shadow Defence Secretary Jim Murphy, with the Liberal Democrats represented by Euan Roddin, \*the special adviser to Scottish Secretary Michael Moore).

McLetchie (dressed tastefully in a blue housecoat and matching curlers) informed Mrs Darling that "one day, your shockingly expensive kitchen table will have its rightful place in the British Museum. After all", he merrily quipped, "it really does belong to the nation. The Mother of all Parliaments has bought it many times over, as Alastair has flipped and furnished each of his houses."



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