

## Shadow Chancellor delivers Budget response at the University

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Shadow Chancellor George Osborne today [Friday 26 March] chose the University of Birmingham to deliver his response to Wednesday's budget.

Shadow Chancellor George Osborne meets the University of Birmingham's Vice-Chancellor, Professor David Eastwood before delivering his response to Wednesday's budget in a speech at the University's Business School.

The event, which took place at the University's Business School, included an informed and engaging discussion with students and academics.

Professor David Eastwood, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham, said: "The University of Birmingham prides itself as being a major institution where the key issues of the day are shaped and debated. I am therefore delighted that the Shadow Chancellor chose the University as the venue to deliver his keynote response to this week's budget. This was an important speech focusing on issues that will be closely and rightly debated throughout the forthcoming General Election."

Since May 2005 George has served as the Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, shadowing Gordon Brown until June 2007, and now shadowing Alistair Darling. He is also in charge of coordinating the Conservative Party's General Election Campaign. He was responsible for managing David Cameron's successful campaign for leadership of the Conservative Party. George has served as Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Shadow Work and Pensions Minister, Shadow Economic Secretary and as an Opposition Whip. He has also been a member of the Public Accounts Select Committee and the Transport Select Committee

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