

# No such thing as an EU “Grant”

A letter from our Chairman to the *Sunday Telegraph*

Sir,

Sometimes very clever people can be remarkably stupid.

Lord Darzi (3 April) writes that he fears losing funding from the EU for health-related research. A while ago Professor Stephen Hawking and friends did the same with regard to wider scientific research.

Do these learned gentlemen not realise that what they are receiving is a very small refund on the massive amount the British taxpayer pays to the EU political project?

In other words, we get a little of our own money back after it has been top-sliced for massively non-beneficial projects, EU overheads and corruption, by a Commission which has not been able to present a clean set of books for twenty years.

On 20th March, Christopher Booker reported on the launch of The Market Solution (Flexcit) plan for leaving the EU whilst retaining access to the single market. The full version of the plan runs to over 420 pages and includes provision for continued co-operation with EU countries in mutually beneficial scientific and cultural projects. Other non-EU countries participate in these projects. There is no reason why an independent Britain should not do so.

Yours faithfully

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