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The British people voted to leave the Internal/Single Market

- The Single Market is actually the “internal market” and was referred to by David Davis as the “Single Legal Area”
- David Cameron stated before the referendum that “*“What the British public will be voting for is to leave the EU and leave the single market.”*”
- HMT gave every household a leaflet with an economic scenario based on there being no Internal Market access or any trade agreements. All of those in the official Remain camp used these figures. The CBI had similar analysis.
- George Osborne specifically asked the German finance minister to rule out Single Market membership before the referendum.
- Nicola Sturgeon on EEA “*They have to abide by the rules and they have free movement. They are forcing an absolute lie on you — it’s an absolute con.*”

David Cameron:

David Cameron was quite clear on the Single Market/Internal Market/Single Legal Area:

“What the British public will be voting for is to leave the EU and leave the single market.”¹

He also set out his thinking in Parliament, ruling out the EEA/Norway:

“The argument will be about whether we would be more prosperous and more secure inside or outside a reformed EU. To answer his question directly—I answered this when I went to Iceland—countries such as Iceland and Norway have to obey all the rules of the single market, including on the free movement of people, but without having any say on what those rules are. In Norway it has been described as democracy by fax, because the instructions comes through from Brussels, and they pay more per head to the EU than we do. It will be for the campaign responsible to make the arguments about what life would be like outside the EU, and this is a crucial question that it will have to answer”²

“Some people arguing for Britain to leave the European Union, although not all of them, have pointed out a position like that of Norway as a good outcome. I would guard strongly against that. Norway pays as much per head to the EU as we do and takes twice as many migrants per head as we do in this country, but has no seat at the table and no ability to negotiate. I am not arguing that all those who want to leave the EU say that they want to follow the Norwegian path, but some do and it is very

¹ Comment to BBC Andrew Marr Show 12 June 2016 : <http://www.politico.eu/article/david-cameron-bbc-andrew-marr-ill-pull-uk-out-of-the-single-market-after-brexiteu-referendum-vote-june-23-consequences-news/>

² Hansard 5 January 2016 c 39 <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2016-01-05d.26.0&s=norway+speaker%3A10777#g39.0>

*important that we are clear in this debate about the consequences of these different actions.”*³

George Osborne and the HMT report:

The Treasury at George Osborne’s behest sent a leaflet to every house in the UK with an economic figure based on the scenario that we were leaving the Single Market and getting no trade deal what so ever. So that is what people voted on. George Osborne also recruited the German Finance Minister to rule out the Internal/Single Market:

*“Mr Schäuble added that Britain would be able to continue having access to the single market only if it agreed to pay into the EU budget and “accept freedom of movement” of people as well as of goods and services. He said: “That will not be a reasonable position for the UK.”*⁴

Wolfgang Schauble also added in an interview with Der Spiegel that:

*“It would require the country to abide by the rules of a club from which it currently wants to withdraw. If the majority in Britain opts for Brexit, that would be a decision against the single market. In is in. Out is out. One has to respect the sovereignty of the British people.”*⁵

It turned out that Osborne had put him up to it. Schauble said:

*“George Osborne asked me to come to London to strengthen the 'Remain' camp and to show that a proposed referendum on United Kingdom membership of the European Union would be an irreversible step. Each voter had to know: Just who is a member of the club, the rules of the club has a say. That's why I said this sentence.”*⁶

Nick Clegg MP ruled out Norway/EEA model pre referendum “fax democracy”:

*“The Out campaign say they want to take back control. Are these countries a model for taking back sovereignty over their laws? No. Their terms of trade? Nope. Their borders? Not at all. Is that really the future we want for the UK?”*⁷

*“If you do for instance what Norway’s done right, so they are outside of the European Union but quite understandable want to export effortlessly into the single market, guess what they call it? They call it Fax Democracy, because the rules you allude to are faxed to them from Brussels once we’ve made them and they literally have to transpose them, no questions asked into domestic legislation. So oddly enough Norway, often held up as the great paragon of greater independence and taking control of their own affairs have catastrophically lost control and real sovereignty over their own affairs as they are not at the table.”*⁸

³ Hansard, 28 October 2015

⁴ Independent, 3 March 2016: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/eu-referendum-german-finance-minister-says-uk-would-be-shut-out-of-european-single-market-in-event-a6910261.html>

⁵ Guardian, 10 June 2016

⁶ Die Welt, 3 July 2016; <https://www.welt.de/politik/deutschland/article156764432/In-Europa-nicht-so-weitermachen-wie-bisher.html>

City AM, 4 July 2016: <http://www.cityam.com/244720/chancellor-george-osborne-pushed-german-government-into>

⁷ 28 October 2015; <http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/when-it-comes-to-the-eu-we-shouldnt-kid-ourselves-all-forms-of-out-are-as-bad-as-each-other-a6712466.html>

⁸ Nick Clegg, March 2016; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYP50ldczVI>

Ken Clarke MP:

"The free movement of labour is "absolutely essential to have a single market"⁹

Nicola Sturgeon MSP

"Boris Johnson says we would stay in the single market. Says who? Norway, Switzerland, they have access but pay for it. They have to abide by the rules and they have free movement. They are forcing an absolute lie on you — it's an absolute con."¹⁰

CBI: "Brexit could cost UK economy £100 billion and 950,000 jobs by 2020"

The CBI's analysis looked at two scenarios, both of which meant not being members of the Single Market.

Under the '**FTA scenario**', the UK negotiates a free trade agreement with no tariffs on exports and imports between the UK and Europe by 2020. As it is no longer in the Single Market,

- The '**WTO scenario**'¹¹

Vote Leave ruled out the Internal Market:

The then Justice Secretary Michael Gove MP said:

"We should be out of the single market. We should have access to the single market but we should not be governed by the rules the European Court of Justice imposes on us, which cost business and restrict freedom. If we look at the arguments that are made now about how Britain might suffer outside the EU economically, they're all arguments which are a reprise, a re-run, of the original case that was made against staying outside the single currency. You can see how countries outside the EU are able to forge trade deals and grow faster than countries of the Eurozone."¹²

⁹ BBC 3 November 2014; <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-29880589>

¹⁰ The Sun 10 June 2016; <http://www.thescottishsun.co.uk/scotsol/homepage/news/7198178/Dont-con-us-Boris-Nicola-Sturgeon-says-hes-only-in-it-for-David-Camerons-job.html>

¹¹ CBI, 21 March 2016: <http://www.cbi.org.uk/news/leaving-eu-would-cause-a-serious-shock-to-uk-economy-new-pwc-analysis/>

¹² Michael Gove of Vote Leave to Andrew Mar 8 May 2016; <http://news.sky.com/story/referendum-rivals-clash-over-single-market-10274294>