

Financial Times Letter: Sunak's election timetable

Your report “Sunak signals election will be held in second half of this year” (January 5) should not come as a surprise to politicians. It is widely expected by economists that interest rates will start falling from March 2024 onwards and that the economy will start getting (much) stronger from the second half of the year. In fact, according to the calendar of the Office for National Statistics, the first estimate of UK gross domestic product for the second quarter of 2024 will become available on August 15. This makes it extremely likely that a (very) positive GDP reading will see the prime minister call an election immediately afterwards.

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