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## Is This The UK's Most Important Budget Since Records Began?

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From public institutions to private investors to home owners, there is a sense that most people in the UK are holding their breaths in advance of the emergency budget due on the 22 June.

The new Chancellor George Osborne is expected to deliver extensive spending cuts and tax rises in the emergency budget as he seeks to address the UK's large 2009-10 budget deficit of £156 billion.

Not everyone agrees that spending cuts and tax rises are what the UK economy needs right now. The argument has become more exaggerated since the newly made Office for Budget Responsibility released a predicted economic growth figure of 2.6% in 2011 which was less than what the previous government had forecast. While more positively, it lowered its figure for total borrowing between now and 2015 by 22 billion, again less than many were expecting.

Some used these new figures as further proof that with forecast growth being weaker and borrowing not as much as expected this was certainly not the time for substantial cuts.

Meanwhile, over in the other camp, the downgraded growth figures were the key and that reflected the need to make even more spending cuts.

Whatever happens on June 22 it will be fascinating to see the small- and long-term impact on the economy

and the financial markets . After conflicting recent data, what will happen to house prices? Will sterling be bolstered or deflated and how will the FTSE 100 react ?/p

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