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Government “incompetence” over the Brexit talks is part of Theresa May's “strategy” to keep Britain tied to the European Union, a top Conservative donor claims today.

Jeremy Hosking, a City financier, alleges that one of Mrs May's aides frustrated his attempt at last year's general election to donate hundreds of thousands of pounds to Brexit-supporting Tory candidates.

Mr Hosking writes in today's *Sunday Telegraph*: “Those who think the Government is vacillating or making a mess of Brexit due to incompetence are wrong.”

“It is part of a strategy, it's going to plan and the inference from experience of Brexit Express is that the Prime Minister herself is probably implicated.”