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Babiš and the high price of ČEZ

"How am I supposed to know [what runs through Mr. Babiš's mind](#)?" replied Prague Mayor Adriana Krnáčová when E15 asked if she has Andrej Babiš's support for running for reelection. The same response could be given when the subject turns to ČEZ. What exactly does Babiš mean when he tells the Czech Chamber of Commerce that he [considers it unacceptable for ČEZ to lose its sales and distribution assets](#) as part of a spin-off? When he says that a "serious debate" about this is forthcoming, does he mean "debate," or "fight"? Disposals of ČEZ assets over the years have already helped make very rich men of Martin Roman, Petr Kellner, Daniel Křetínský and Vladimír Johanés, to name a few of the main beneficiaries, and have also helped raise scores of "children of ČEZ" in the media, politics, business and academia. A spin-off of ČEZ's assets is potentially one of the most important remaining questions in the formation of a new coalition government. Is Babiš signaling that ČEZ is off limits, or that he's willing to put it on the table? How are we supposed to know what runs through his mind?

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