

Angela Rayner responds to Social Mobility Commission report

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Rayner MP, Labour's Shadow Education Secretary, commenting on the Social Mobility Commission's report out today, said:

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Social Mobility Commission is only the latest expert body to explicitly call for the Government to abandon their plans to increase selection in our schools.

It does nothing to help most children do better in life. The Government should

finally start listening to all the evidence against new grammars and concentrate instead on helping all of our children to reach their full potential, not just the few.

"Funding cuts will make the attainment gap between advantaged and disadvantaged children even wider at a time when inequality is steadily worsening. With the Budget next week, the Chancellor has the chance to put the

needs of all our children first and give education the money it needs."