

The Road Investment Strategy was insufficiently planned, poorly thought out and unrealistically costed – Pat Glass

Pat Glass MP, Labour's Shadow Transport Minister, responding to the National Audit Office (NAO) report into the Government's Road Investment Strategy, said:

"This report shows that the Government has made a huge error of judgment. The Road Investment Strategy was rushed out by George Osborne and David Cameron as a gimmick for the 2015 election. It was insufficiently planned, poorly thought out and unrealistically costed.

"This has raised expectations with motorists and businesses that Labour warned at the time could not be met and it is clear that the Department for Transport has questions to answer.

"The Government needs to seriously reconsider their plans, so that these crucial infrastructure projects are delivered on time and in budget."

After seven years of Tory failure on the economy, it's the super-rich who've gained at the expense of the rest of us – John McDonnell

John McDonnell MP, Labour's Shadow Chancellor, commenting on the revelations by Equality Trust that the average FTSE chief executive earns 386 times more than a worker on the national living wage, said:

"These shocking figures show that after seven years of Tory failure on the economy,

it's the super-rich who've gained at the expense of the rest of us.

"It also exposes the Tories' rigged economy, where despite real earnings still being lower than before the crash and public services like the NHS experiencing their worst-ever crisis, they are handing out £70 billion in tax giveaways to the super-rich and big corporations. At the same time the Tories are cutting in-work benefits to the low paid.

"Only Labour will deliver a fair economy that doesn't hold people back by introducing a £10 an hour Real Living Wage, a fairer taxation system, and by tackling excessive boardroom pay with fairer distributions of rewards within companies."

[GeoSciML data standard becomes official](#)

On 15 March 2017 the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC®) announced that GeoSciML was approved and published with full documentation as an OGC Standard. The OGC GeoSciML Standard defines a model and the encoding for geological features commonly described and portrayed in geological maps, cross sections, geological reports and databases.

[Replacing one prison with another prison doesn't deal with the overcrowding crisis – Richard Burgon](#)

Richard Burgon MP, Labour's Shadow Justice Secretary, commenting on the Tory Government's plans to build four new prisons, said

"We need modern prisons fit for the modern age. But simply replacing one prison with another prison doesn't deal with the overcrowding crisis. No amount of press releases can distract from that."

[Barbara Keeley responds to EPI report in to Child Mental Health Improvements](#)

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Keeley MP, Labour's Shadow Cabinet Minister for Mental Health, commenting on the EPI report in to Child Mental Health Improvements, said:

"The

Prime Minister said in January that she wanted to 'transform the way we deal with mental health problems right across society' but the findings in this report show these were just warm words.

"With

nearly three quarters of Clinical Commissioning Groups failing to meet NHS England's improvement standards in children's mental health, and more than two

thirds of these groups without fully-funded crisis care plans, it is clear that

the Prime Minister's rhetoric on child mental health is not being matched by reality.

"The

most worrying part of this report is the increase in the number of young people

being treated on adult mental health wards which shows an abject failure of the

Government to grasp the problems in the mental health system.

"The

Government need to make sure that frontline mental health services get the money they need rather than using it to balance NHS budgets elsewhere."