<u>Greens react to 'Awful April' price</u> hikes

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Reacting to large price hikes that kick in today at the start of what has been dubbed 'awful April', co-leader of the Green party, Carla Denyer, said:

"Energy bills up to nearly £2000 a year. Water bills up by 31% in some areas. Basic food prices keep rising — the list goes on. People aren't fooling around when they say today is the start of "Awful April". Especially awful for single parents who we know will be hit hardest by these price hikes.

"These spiralling costs come on the back of axing winter fuel payments for pensioners, refusing to remove the two-child benefit cap and cutting benefits for the sick and disabled.

"These are political choices. Rather than making the poorest and most vulnerable in society bear the brunt of the cost of living crisis, Labour could have chosen instead to tax a tiny percentage of the wealth of multimillionaires and billionaires. They've made a choice, to take money off the old, ill and disabled.

"Labour have again and again made the wrong choices, which has left many of the poorest households at breaking point."

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