

Labour motion calling for pause to Universal Credit unanimously approved by the House of Commons – Debbie Abrahams

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Abrahams MP, Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary, responding after the House of Commons unanimously approved Labour's Opposition Day motion calling for a pause to Universal Credit Full Service said:

"It is welcome that the House of Commons has supported Labour's call for a pause to Universal Credit. As I called for immediately following the vote, the Government must now act on the clear instruction of Parliament, by bringing forward plans to pause and fix Universal Credit Full Service, before millions are pushed closer to poverty.

"MPs from all parties recognised that, while it is positive that the Government has listened to Labour on the high cost of its helplines, this doesn't go far enough.

"There remain very serious issues with the Government's flagship programme, not least the six week wait for payment following a claim. These are driving debt, arrears and even evictions."