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Abrahams MP, Labour's Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary, commenting on today's Labour Market Statistics, said:

"Labour

welcomes the overall increase in employment but we are deeply concerned that millions have faced a real terms pay cut under this government. With wages

continuing to fall in real terms, Tory cuts to in-work support, and rising prices, many households and families are worse off under this government.

"The Government has failed to close the employment gap faced by women, disabled people and ethnic minority groups, who are still less likely to be in work, and has failed to tackle regional inequalities in the Labour market.

"A Labour

government will stand up for all working people, implementing a real Living Wage of £10 per hour and bringing an immediate end to Tory austerity."