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Green Party co-leader Sian Berry said:

“This is certainly a step in the right direction and will provide relief for many workers across the country, but it does not go far enough for the self-employed and those in the gig economy.

“For real security now and in the future, this scheme needs to include a Universal Basic Income which will provide financial security for everybody and allow people to follow public health advice free from the fear of losing their livelihoods.

“It is also vital that the government does not delay in extending the worker retention scheme at the end of the three months if necessary. The government’s delay in responding to the crisis so far has caused so much worry which has to be avoided in future.”

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