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Rebecca Long-Bailey MP, Labour's

Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, responding to

reports that nearly one in five apprentices are being paid less than the minimum wage, said:

"That

there are apprentices who are paid less than minimum wage is unacceptable, that

the practice is on the rise is shocking.

"The

Government has not taken sufficient steps to enforce payment of the minimum wage. Employment rights are only safe in Labour hands."