

The gambling sector has to take responsibility and help people not to bet more than they can afford – Watson

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Watson MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, commenting

on online gambling firm 888 being ordered to pay a record £7.8m penalty by the Gambling Commission, said:

"This

outrageous case is more evidence of a gambling industry that needs to do more to

protect vulnerable customers – not exploit them. With 430,000 problem gamblers

in the UK, and over 2 million more at risk of addiction, the sector has to take

responsibility and help people not to bet more than they can afford."

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Ashworth MP, Labour's Shadow Health Secretary, responding to reports in today's Financial Times that the NHS is facing a £100m agency bill to boost GP numbers, said:

"This

is yet another example of the Government's financial mismanagement of our NHS and their lack of action when it comes to the GP workforce.

"Under

the Tories, general practice is being stretched to breaking point, and patients

are being let down as a result.

"This

Government needs to come up with a workable plan for boosting the number of GPs

and investing in frontline services, otherwise under the Tories, more and more taxpayers' cash will be spent on expensive agency bills.”

[Theresa May misled voters during the election by pledging to cap energy bills for 17 million households – Whitehead](#)

Alan Whitehead MP, Labour's Shadow Energy Minister and Climate Change,

responding to reports that Ofgem will implement an energy price cap for two million vulnerable households, falling short of Theresa May's General Election promise, said:

“Theresa

May misled voters during the election by pledging to cap energy bills for 17 million households before quickly backtracking. Now she is trying to mislead people again by claiming the responsibility to introduce a cap for all households on standard variable tariffs lies with Ofgem, despite the regulator making clear it needs the government to legislate.

“Unlike

the Tories, the next Labour government will offer more than empty words by introducing an immediate emergency price cap to keep household bills down, while we transition to a fairer system for bill payers.”

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Dowd MP, Labour's Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, commenting on the Public and Commercial Services union announcement that protests about pay are due to take place across the UK, said

"These protests reinforce the unfairness of the public sector pay cap and the poor treatment that civil servants and other public sector workers have faced at the hands of this Tory Government. Civil servants and other public sector workers have seen their real wages fall constantly over the seven years of Conservative pay freezes and caps.

"It is shocking that our public servants have been forced into protesting their poor treatment and falling wages caused by the Tory Government's pay freezes and caps.

"Meanwhile, the Conservative's cabinet of chaos continues to stand up for a privileged elite – handing out tax cuts for the rich and failing to properly tackle tax avoidance.

"The next Labour Government will lift the public sector pay cap and give all workers the pay rise they deserve so that the economy works for the many and not the few."

Aston Martin's £500m trade deal announced today is welcome – Long-Bailey

Rebecca Long-Bailey MP, Shadow Business Secretary, responding to Aston Martin's investment announcement, said:

"Aston Martin's £500m trade deal announced today is welcome, as is the continued investment of other car manufacturers such as Nissan and Toyota. However, the continued success of British automotive

sector, the jewel in our manufacturing crown, is being put at risk.

“The Government’s failing Brexit strategy twinned with a weak industrial strategy and secretive bespoke deals within the sector is the antitheses of the robust strategy the last Labour government put in place for the sector.

“Labour’s properly resourced industrial strategy and jobs-first approach to leaving the EU is what is needed to ensure the continued prosperity of the automotive sector’.”