

## [John Healey responds to terms of reference for independent inquiry into building regulations following Grenfell Tower fire](#)

**John**

**Healey MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Housing**, responding to the release of terms of reference for the independent inquiry into building regulations following the Grenfell Tower fire, said:

"Ministers have been off the pace at every stage in responding to the terrible Grenfell Tower fire.

"While better late than never, it's now eleven weeks since Grenfell and over four years on from two Coroners' reports into previous high rise fires recommended an overhaul of building regulations. Ministers promised a review in May 2013 but have failed to act since.

"Rather than waiting for the findings of this inquiry, Ministers should start acting on these existing recommendations immediately and incorporate any proposals from Dame Judith Hackitt.

"More broadly, Ministers must now use this inquiry to ensure that our system of fire checks and regulations has the clarity, accountability and proper standards needed so that no-one feels unsafe in their home."

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## [Margaret Greenwood responds to ONS Working & Workless Households figures](#)

**Margaret Greenwood MP, Labour's Shadow Employment Minister**, commenting on the Office of National Statistics Working and Workless Households figures, said:

"While any increases in employment are positive, under this Government work is no longer a reliable route out of poverty with over half

of  
those living in poverty coming from a working household.

“There are four million children growing up in poverty in the UK; two thirds  
of  
these children live in working households.

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Labour government for the many, not the few, will introduce a Real Living  
Wage  
to end in-work poverty once and for all, while investing in childcare to  
allow  
parents to get back to work once they are ready.”

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## [Jeremy Corbyn comment on Kezia Dugdale resignation](#)

**Jeremy  
Corbyn, Leader of the Labour Party, said:**

“I’d like  
to thank Kezia Dugdale for her work as Scottish Labour leader and the  
important  
role she has played in rebuilding the party in Scotland.

“Kezia  
became Scottish leader at one of the most difficult times in the history of  
the  
Scottish Labour Party, and the party’s revival is now fully under way, with  
six  
new MPs and many more to come.

“I want  
to thank Kez for her tireless service to our party and movement, and look  
forward to campaigning with her in future for a country that works for the  
many  
not the few.”

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## [Under the Tories overcrowding and understaffing have created a prison crisis – Burgon](#)

**Richard Burgon MP, Labour's Shadow Justice Secretary**, responding to forecasts that the prison population is set to rise to 88,000 by 2022, said:

"Under the Tories, overcrowding and understaffing have brought the prison system to a crisis.

"These figures demonstrate that this Conservative Government has no real plan to fix the mess they've made and that overcrowding is only set to get worse over the coming years."

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## [The Conservatives' Cabinet of chaos is presiding over the slowest growing country in the G7 – Dowd](#)

**Peter**

**Dowd MP, Labour's Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury**, commenting on new ONS figures

that show household spending growth has slowed to its weakest pace for two and a half years, said:

"The figures from the ONS today are a stark reflection of seven years of Tory economic failure.

"The Conservatives' Cabinet of chaos is now presiding over the slowest growing country in the G7 – household spending is slowing, the number of young people not in work or education remains largely unchanged and business investment has stalled.

"It is time for a Labour government that will create an economy that works for the many not the few."