

## The Government has conceded their plans for EU citizens are unfair and unworkable – Diane Abbott

**Diane Abbott**

**MP, Labour's Shadow Home Secretary**, commenting on the Government admitting that the current system for EU citizens applying for permanent residency in the UK is unfit, said:

"Labour consistently argued that the Government's plans were unfair and unworkable. Now the government has conceded as much.

"But a lot of uncertainty remains, which affects both UK citizens living in the EU as well as EU citizens here. The Government needs to give clarity on what it has agreed, and to stick to its word. Labour has always argued for guaranteed rights for UK and EU citizens."

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## New research shows there are far too many young people gambling in Britain today – Tom Watson

**Tom Watson MP,**

**Labour's Shadow Secretary State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport**, responding to the Gambling Commission's 'Young People and Gambling 2017 Survey', said:

"This new research from the gambling commission shows that there are still far too many young people gambling in Britain today.

"It is worrying that children continue to be bombarded with adverts promoting gambling through TV, online and via social media. 80 per cent of young people say they see gambling adverts on TV each week.

“The rise of  
'skins' gambling and other forms of gambling online or in games which  
encourage  
children to trade-in cosmetic online items for cash, only serve to  
demonstrate  
that our gambling laws are woefully out of date.

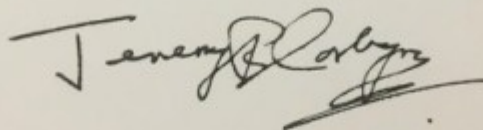
“The next Labour  
government will bring in a new Gambling Act that ensures our gambling laws  
are  
fit for the digital age and finally tackle Britain's hidden gambling  
epidemic.”

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**Labour Leader sends message of hope  
and peace for...**



Wishing you a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy and Peaceful 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Jeremy Corbyn', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Jeremy Corbyn MP  
Leader of the Labour Party

### **Labour Leader sends message of hope and peace for Christmas**

Labour Leader Jeremy Corbyn is sending out a message of hope and peace in his 2017 Christmas card.

The design echoes the cover of the party's general election manifesto, 'For the Many, not the Few', that helped inspire Labour's biggest increase in vote share since 1945.

The message inside reads: "Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful 2018."

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

"Christmas is a time to reflect on the urgent need to transform our society to eradicate homelessness, loneliness and poverty, and bring about peace

around the world.

“This year we defied the pundits and in the snap General Election overturned Theresa May’s majority and her mandate, giving hope to millions of people that things can and will change.

“We look forward to 2018 as a government in waiting, ready to take over and serve the interests of the many, not the few.”

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## Inflation rise hits millions of working-class families and highlights Tory failures – Dowd

**Peter Dowd MP,**  
**Labour’s Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury,** responding to today’s inflation figures, said:

“Today’s rise in inflation to its highest level in over five-and-half years is extremely concerning, and once again reveals that after seven years of Tory economic failure, this Government has no answers to the problem of wages continuing to fail to keep up with prices.

“We shouldn’t forget that there will be millions of working families who will be struggling this Christmas already as a direct result of government policies such as the benefits freeze and the public sector pay cap; this is a further reminder of just how bad this double whammy of rising prices and Tory austerity policies will be this month for them.

“The next Labour government will ensure working people’s living standards are protected with a Real Living Wage of £10 per hour, ending the public sector pay cap, and by building a high wage, high skill economy that works for the many, not the few.”

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# Rebecca Long-Bailey MP responds to Resolution Foundation report

**Rebecca**

**Long-Bailey MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy,**

commenting on the recent Resolution Foundation report, said:

“Britain

needs a pay rise – and this applies to both standard and overtime hours. The fact that fewer workers get overtime pay coupled with a fall in the number enjoying a premium of more than 10% is indicative of wage stagnation in this country. This is why Labour wants to introduce a package of employment rights,

including sectoral collective bargaining to improve the pay and conditions of workers.”

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