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**Long-Bailey MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy**, responding to news that senior Conservatives are urging a u-turn on their energy price cap manifesto promise, said:

"If correct, this is potentially another stunning U-turn from a weak and wobbly Prime Minister.

"One in ten households are living in fuel poverty and customers are being overcharged a whopping £2 billion every year. Theresa May unequivocally guaranteed a price cap before the general election but now it appears she is preparing to row back on that promise. It now looks like this price cap was simply an election gimmick and that the Conservatives were never serious about taking action to keep energy bills down.

"Britain needs a serious and long term approach in order to bring energy costs down, not cheap gimmicks that may simply be thrown into the bin just a week after the General Election."

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## Government response: Give safely to support those affected by Grenfell Tower Fire

We are saddened to hear of the tragic events in West London. There are many registered charities on the ground doing what they do best to assist those who have been affected. We are urging members of the public that wish to make donations to check that they give to a registered charity in order to best support those affected, and also importantly to check with those charities what support they need – whether that is money, time or other essential

supplies.

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## [This is yet more evidence of the chaos at the heart of the Conservative Party – Nick Thomas-Symonds](#)

**Nick Thomas-Symonds MP, Labour's Shadow Solicitor General**, responding to calls from senior Tories to drop a key manifesto pledge to scrap the Serious Fraud Office, said:

"This is yet more evidence of the chaos at the heart of the Conservative Party.

"Good corporate governance is essential to the UK's reputation at home and abroad; the Serious Fraud Office plays a vital part in this and should not be cast aside.

"Senior Tories are right to be alarmed at Theresa May's attempt to undermine the fight against big-ticket economic crime. She urgently needs to think again."

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## [Green MEP challenges Gove over climate targets](#)



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As MEPs today vote on important legislation that sets binding annual greenhouse gas emission targets for EU member countries, Molly Scott Cato MEP has challenged the new Environment Secretary, Michael Gove, to match or better these targets for tackling climate change once the UK leaves the EU.

MEPs will vote on the Effort Sharing Regulation (ESR), the EU's largest climate instrument regulating emissions of sectors not covered by the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS), namely transport, agriculture, buildings and waste [1]. The legislation sets climate targets for each country for the period 2021 to 2030. But with the UK set to leave the EU before this time, Dr Scott Cato is demanding Mr Gove set targets at least as ambitious as those of the EU. She said:

"I can think of few people less fit for the role of environment secretary. He has consistently voted against measures to tackle climate change and infamously tried to remove the issue from the national curriculum when he was education secretary.

"However, I welcome the fact he has hit out at Donald Trump over his decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement [2]. Let's now see if action matches words and whether this apparent new-found commitment to tackling climate change means anything in practice. Let's see him pledge the UK to match or even better the rather unambitious targets on reducing emissions being discussed and voted on in Europe. Here is his first real test. Will he take a lead on tackling climate change or follow a climate denying US president wishing to drag us back to a bygone dirty fossil era?"

#### Notes:

1. [https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/effort/proposal\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/effort/proposal_en)
2. <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/06/13/michael-gove-says-donald-trump-wrong-withdraw-parisclimateaccord/>

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## Ministers celebrate success of outstanding health professionals who have achieved 'Grand Slam' of nursing and midwifery award triumphs in 2017

Wales swept the boards at nursing and midwifery awards earlier in the year; today the First Minister and Health Secretary met:

**Melanie Davies**, from Morriston Hospital in Swansea, who was named RCNi Nurse of the Year, for her work making far-reaching changes to the care of vulnerable patients with learning disabilities.

Health Visitor Lead Sharon Fernandez, for Powys' Perinatal Mental Health services, who won the Journal of Health Visiting Awards 2017, Health Visitor of the Year Award.

Bereavement midwife, **Laura Wyatt**, from Cardiff and Vale UHB, who has been awarded the Emma's Diary Mums' Midwife of the Year 2017 for Wales. The award

is one of the Royal College of Midwives Annual Midwifery Awards, recognises the remarkable work done by inspiring midwives across the country.

And, **Cemlyn Roberts**, from Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, who has won the RCNi- UK Healthcare Assistant Award Winner 2017. Cemlyn won the award for improving care for people with learning disabilities through an individualised, gentler approach to taking blood.

First Minister Carwyn Jones said:

“It was an absolute privilege to meet this outstanding group of health professionals today. They are shining examples of what our health service in Wales does on a daily basis – helping those who need it most.

“They have proved themselves to be the best at what they do in the UK. It is important that we celebrate success and I congratulate them on their fantastic achievements. I hope they inspire other health professionals across the country to reach the heights of what they’ve achieved this year.”

Health Secretary Vaughan Gething said:

“Our grand slam of nursing and midwifery award triumphs shows just how exceptional our healthcare staff truly are.

“It was a great to meet the group today. Each one is an ambassador for this country. I hope nurses, midwives and other health professionals from across the UK will look to Wales as a place where they would want to pursue a career in the future.

“I have said it before, Wales is a fantastic place to train, work and live; a place where we will continue to offer NHS Bursaries for eligible student nurses, midwives and allied health professionals in 2018/19. It’s a place where we will continue to support professional development. We continue to invest in nursing and midwifery education, and the number of nurses working in NHS Wales continues to increase year on year.

“Melanie, Laura, Sharon and Cemlyn should be very proud of what they’ve achieved for themselves, their families and the NHS as a whole in Wales; we certainly are.”