It takes more than re-naming departments to erase seven years of failure - Trickett

Jon Trickett MP, Labour's Shadow Minister for the Cabinet Office, responding to Theresa May's reshuffle today, said:

"With the NHS in crisis, working people worse off and Brexit preparations in turmoil, Theresa May is leading a failing Government.

"By simply rearranging the deckchairs in her reshuffle, Theresa May has shown that her floundering Government is out of fresh ideas. It takes more than renaming departments to erase seven years of failure.

"What the country desperately needs is a new approach. With Jeremy Corbyn, that's what Labour offers: a new Britain, run in the interests of the many, not the few."

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North Korea: EU aligns its lists of sanctioned people and entities with

the latest UN Security Council resolution

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The Council has added 16 persons and one entity, the Ministry of the People's Armed Forces (MPAF), to the lists of those subject to an asset freeze and travel restrictions, transposing part of the new sanctions imposed by UN Security Council resolution 2397 (2017).

This resolution was adopted on 22 December 2017 in response to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)'s ongoing nuclear weapon and ballistic missile-development activities, with flagrant disregard for previous UN Security Council resolutions.

The decision brings the total number of persons under restrictive measures against the DPRK to 79 persons and 54 entities as listed by the UN. In addition, 41 persons and 10 entities are designated by the EU autonomously.

The Council will work on the swift transposition of the other sanctions included in UN Security Council resolution 2397. A number of these measures are already contained in existing EU autonomous sanctions. The EU is also likely to adopt additional autonomous measures in the coming weeks.

The EU implements all UN Security Council resolutions adopted in response to the DPRK's nuclear programmes and nuclear weapons, other weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missile programmes. In addition, the EU has imposed autonomous restrictive measures against the DPRK, complementing and reinforcing the UN sanctions regime.

The legal acts were adopted by written procedure. They will be published in the Official Journal of 9 January.

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Rebecca Long-Bailey comments on loss of 250 jobs at Vauxhall's Ellesmere Port

Rebecca Long-Bailey MP, Labour's Shadow Business Secretary, commenting on the loss of a further 250 jobs at Vauxhall's Ellesmere Port plant, said

''When PSA Group took over Vauxhall last year the Government promised it would do the utmost to protect workers, but since then a third of jobs at Ellesmere Port have been cut.

"The Tories are failing to give businesses and workers the security they need to navigate Brexit, which has been demonstrated again in today's EEF report on manufacturer's expectations for 2018.

"The Government must set out how it will support the plant and urgently provide certainty for the sector as a whole after Brexit.''