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Rayner MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Education, commenting on the National Audit Office report on the higher education market, said:

"This

damning report finds that the Conservatives' higher education reforms are failing even on their own terms.

"After

promising that increasing competition would lead to fair prices and improved quality for students, all they have delivered is record levels of student debt

and an economy so weak it cannot give graduates the jobs they need.

"The

failures of their reforms, and the fact that the vast majority of students do not feel their university education represents good value for money, should give the Government cause to rethink their approach.

"The

next Labour government will ensure a fair deal for students, scrapping tuition

fees and bringing back maintenance grants as we build a National Education Service for the many, and not the few."