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**Debbie Abrahams MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions Secretary**, commenting on today's Labour Market Statistics from ONS:

"Over 7 million people from working families are living in poverty, more than ever before.

"We welcome the overall increase in employment, but are deeply concerned that millions are still unable to make ends meet as the cost of basic essentials spirals while real pay falls.

"Too many still find it more difficult to get a job because of their age, ethnicity, disability or where they live. And these same groups bear the brunt of this Government's failed austerity plans.

"A Labour government will implement a real Living Wage of £10 per hour, and put an end to Tory austerity."

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