Debbie Abrahams response to Joseph Rowntree Foundation report showing Tory Government's two child benefit limit could push 200,000 children into poverty

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Abrahams MP, Labour's Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary, commenting on the Joseph Rowntree Foundation report, which shows the Tory Government's two child benefit

limit could push 200,000 children into poverty, said:

"Labour

is calling on the Tories to scrap this inhumane policy, which will have a devastating impact upon many families on the lowest incomes in our society.

"An

arbitrary cap on the number of children that the Government will help families

to bring up is not only cruel, but is bad policy. This evidence shows that it will increase child poverty.

"As

 $90\ \text{per}$ cent of lone parents are female it is a further example of how these six

years of wasted austerity have been borne on the backs of low income mothers.

"That's

why Labour will stand up for low income families, including providing free school meals to all primary school children."