<u>Debbie Abrahams response to today's</u> ONS Labour Market Stats

Debbie Abrahams MP, Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary, commenting on the ONS Labour Market Statistics today, said:

"Today's stats are further evidence of Tory economic failure, only a week out from their next Budget.

"Both employment and real wages are falling while the price of household essentials balloons, leaving millions of people worse off than they were in 2010.

"Over seven million people live in poverty in working households.

"Labour will introduce a £10 an hour Real Living Wage, scrap the public sector pay cap and reform the government's failing Universal Credit programme."