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Analysis of government figures shows:

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Methodological revisions to the Average Weekly Earnings of employees in small businesses shows a downgrade in level of earnings between 2010 and 2015

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The Government's mishandling of the economy and mistreatment of small businesses has resulted in pay for employees being less than thought

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Between 2010 and 2015, the average revision downwards in the level of weekly earnings was 1.7 percent. This amounts to more than £2,000 over that period less than previously thought,.

Rebecca Long-Bailey MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, said:

"The latest revision to the methodology for calculating earnings for employees in small businesses shows that the level of earnings was less than previously thought during the period 2010 to 2015.

"Added up, between July 2010 to December 2015, earnings for the average employee in a small business were in fact over £2,000 less than previously thought. This is a further indictment of the Conservative's already terrible record of protecting the living standards of people in this country and their failure to recognise the experiences and requirements of small businesses."