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Debbie Abrahams MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, commented on the Prime Minister's refusal to back Labour's call for a pause to Universal Credit on Marr saying; "More empty words will do nothing for those being pushed into poverty by the Government's flagship social security programme. "The six week wait for payment of Universal Credit is a punitive policy introduced by this Government, it can be changed. "I wrote to the Secretary of State calling for a pause to Universal Credit roll out weeks ago, and yet nothing has been done. "Months have passed since Mrs May claimed she would help those struggling to get by. We are yet to see anything that amounts to action to support the 13 million people living in poverty in the UK."