

# Gauke could and should immediately end the misery caused by the six week wait for Universal Credit – Abrahams

**Debbie Abrahams MP, Labour's**

**Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions**, commenting on the continuation of Universal Credit roll out announced by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions saying;

“It is an insult to those being pushed into debt and rent arrears by this Government's punitive six week wait policy that the Work and Pensions Secretary is suggesting they get another loan to make ends meet.

“The Work and Pensions Secretary could and should immediately end the misery caused by the six week wait for payment of Universal Credit.

“Weeks ago, I wrote to the Secretary of State calling for a pause to Universal Credit roll out. Even 14 Conservative MPs and the Chancellor of the Exchequer have recognised that the programme is failing, yet today Gauke has confirmed he will not act.

“Over a year ago, on the steps of the Downing Street, the Prime Minister claimed she would help those struggling to get by. The Government is failing the many by refusing to help the 13 million people living in poverty in the UK.”