

Government favours tax dodgers over tax payers – Peter Dowd

Peter Dowd MP, Labour's Shadow Chief

Secretary to the Treasury responding to the Government voting down Labour's amendments to the Finance Bill:

"This Conservative Government has once again demonstrated that it favours tax dodgers over tax payers, bankers over single mothers and large multinationals over public sector workers.

"This evening's votes saw the Government block Labour's amendments which would have required the Minister to publish an equalities impact assessment on all economic policies and forced ministers to review the tax gap.

"The next Labour Government is committed to ensuring that all our policies have equality impact assessments, and we will implement thorough measures to crack down on tax dodging under our Tax Transparency and Enforcement Programme. Unlike the Conservatives, we will create a country and an economy that works for the many and not just a privileged few."