

# McDonnell challenges Hammond to a live TV debate on the economy

The Shadow Chancellor today has challenged the Chancellor to a live TV debate on the economy before 8th June. In a video released online after Labour published their manifesto and full costings, **John McDonnell, said:**

“The Labour Party published its manifesto and we published the detailed costings of all our policy proposals and where the funding would come from to pay for those policies.

“We set the framework for the management of our economy for the future, managing the economy for the many not the few.

“Now we want to have a democratic debate in this election. Theresa May is hiding from a debate with Jeremy Corbyn on television, but you know in France they had that debate between the two main contenders for the presidency and it’s part of our democratic system.

“So come on Mr Hammond, come and have a debate with me because I believe once we’ve had that debate people will realise just what your government is all about.

“More austerity stifling our economy, failing to ensure that people in work are properly paid and undermining those people who can’t work as a result of your benefit cuts.

“I’m challenging Philip Hammond to a debate on Tory cuts and on the economic strategy that Labour has set out for strong economy that benefits the many and not few.