# <u>ONS statistics show many will struggle</u> <u>this Christmas – Debbie Abrahams</u>

#### Debbie

Abrahams MP, Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary, commenting on the ONS Labour Market Statistics today, said:

## "Today's

figures are further evidence of Tory economic failure, only a day after inflation rose to its highest level in over five-and-half years.

#### "Both

employment and real wages are falling while the price of household essentials balloons, leaving millions of people worse off than they were in 2010.

## "Eight

million people in working households live in poverty, and many will struggle this Christmas as a direct result of this government's austerity policies.

## "Labour

will protect living standards by introducing a £10 an hour real Living Wage, scrapping the public sector pay cap and reforming the government's failing Universal Credit programme."

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