

# Seven years of Tory failure has left people struggling to afford basic necessities – Dowd

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**Dowd MP, Labour's Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury**, commenting on TUC research which has revealed one in eight workers skip meals to make ends meet, said:

"This is yet further devastating evidence of the consequences of seven years of the Conservatives' mismanagement of our economy which has left many people struggling to afford basic necessities.

"While the Conservatives are running an economy rigged for an elite few and failing to tackle tax avoidance, Labour will stand up for the many and put more money in people's pockets by introducing a £10 an hour Real Living Wage, scrapping the public sector pay cap and reducing household bills by bringing key public services and utilities back into public hands."