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Lewis MP, Labour's Shadow Business Secretary, commenting on the launch of the Government's new industrial strategy, said:

"We welcome the Prime Minister's talk of government taking a 'new, active' role in backing businesses, but what we've heard today is full of rhetoric and thin on detail.

"From business rates to Brexit, many of businesses' most pressing concerns are currently going unanswered. Unless the Government puts a lot of flesh on these bones this will be a strategy of spin rather than substance.

"All the signs so far are that the Government is not prepared to put its money where its mouth is. The money offered for skills falls far short of reversing the cuts to adult education since 2010, for example, while the "cash boost" for the North is a fraction of the budgets of Labour's RDAs.

"For all the fanfare, reversing the economic damage done by the Tories and steering the economy through the turbulent times ahead is going to require the Government to be much bolder."