

The public has a right to know if any governments, foreign or domestic organisations or individuals are funding extremism in this country – Diane Abbott

Diane Abbott MP, Labour's Shadow Home Secretary, responding to the Government's decision to not publish the extremism funding report in full, said:

"The public has a right to know if any governments, foreign or domestic organisations or individuals are funding extremism in this country, and what the UK government intends to do to prevent that.

"Of course, security intelligence should not be compromised but this is easily achieved by redaction and other means. The Government would never have commissioned this report if it considered this problem insurmountable.

"Instead, there is a strong suspicion this report is being suppressed to protect this Government's trade and diplomatic priorities, including in relation to Saudi Arabia. The only way to allay those suspicions is to publish the report in full."

There is clear and strong cross-party concern about leaving Euratom – Paul Blomfield

Paul Blomfield MP, Labour's Shadow Minister for Brexit, speaking after a Westminster Hall debate today on the UK's future membership of Euratom, said:

"This is yet another important debate that the Brexit department has dodged, instead sending a Business Minister who was unable to provide any answers.

"The

former Chancellor has indicated that David Davis and Greg Clark were overruled on continuing membership of Euratom by the Prime Minister. Reports from David Davis' former chief of staff suggested that this was because of the Prime Minister's absolutist and obsessional stance on the ECJ.

"There is clear and strong cross-party concern about leaving Euratom. It is time for David Davis to clarify if he is content to allow the Prime Minister's reckless red line, threatening jobs and cancer treatments, to stand."

[The Tories have completely failed to deliver an energy system that works for people, businesses or our environment – Rebecca Long-Bailey](#)

Rebecca

Long-Bailey, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, responding

to the Citizens Advice Bureau report calling for £7.5 billion of profit made by energy network operators to be returned to bill payers, said:

"The Citizens Advice Bureau's figures showing that energy networks have made over £7.5 billion unjustified profit over an 8 year period, are quite simply eye watering. The Tories have completely failed to deliver an energy system that works for people, businesses or our environment.

"It is simply unacceptable that customers are forced to accept such costs in their bills. They have no choice, there is no option to shop around as these companies hold a monopoly over the network, which is why Labour proposed to gain greater public control and transparency over these companies in our manifesto.

"The Government must direct Ofgem to take action on this unjustified behaviour immediately. Sadly, despite the Government promising to cap energy bills during the General Election, they have already rowed back on such strong action under

pressure from the Big Six energy companies.”

[We welcome the overall increase in employment, but are deeply concerned that millions have faced a real terms pay cut under this Government – Debbie Abrahams](#)

Debbie

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

“We

welcome the overall increase in employment, but are deeply concerned that millions have faced a real terms pay cut under this Government.

“The

cost of basic essentials continues to rise as real wages decline under the Conservatives. Millions are struggling to get by while Theresa May hands £1 billion to the DUP to keep herself in a job.

“Too

many people also continue to face barriers to getting a job on the basis of their age, ethnicity, disability or where they live. These same groups bear the brunt of this Government’s failed austerity plans.

“A Labour government will implement a real Living Wage of £10 per hour, and bring an immediate end to Tory austerity.”

[Lords’ report highlights Government failures in responding to refugee](#)

crisis – Diane Abbott

Diane Abbott MP, Labour's Shadow Home Secretary, responding to the House of Lords' report on the refugee crisis and 'Operation Sophia', said:

"The report paints a picture of failure in response to the refugee crisis, but over 30,000 lives have been saved by Operation Sophia, which is very welcome. The tactic of destroying vessels means that refugees are coming in record numbers, but they come in ever more unseaworthy dinghies. The risk of drowning at sea is increased.

"The report's conclusions are correct. Future UK and EU action should focus on tackling people smuggling at source and in transit countries, and supporting sustainable economic development and good governance in these countries.

"The Government has also not implemented the Dubs amendment which would have secured 3,000 places here for unaccompanied refugee children. In this Parliament, Labour will be pressing for the government to meet its obligations in full."