

[Rebecca Long- Bailey response to energy price cap](#)

Rebecca

Long- Bailey MP, Labour's Shadow Minister for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy,

responding to Theresa May's re-announcement of an energy price cap, said:

'Today, after pressure from Labour and her own backbenches, Theresa May has finally been forced to recognise that the energy market is broken. But her response doesn't go nearly far enough.

"It is unclear if responsibility for action has again been passed to OfGem, with no commitment on when or how action will be taken. Yet again the country is left confused about whether the Prime Minister will honour her election promise.

"Labour has been clear that we would introduce a clear emergency price cap whilst taking the bold measures needed to reform our broken energy market in the long run such as bringing energy back into public ownership."

[This speech only confirmed Theresa May's failure – Jon Trickett MP](#)

Jon Trickett MP, Labour's Shadow Minister for the Cabinet Office,

responding to Theresa May's to Conservative Conference, said:

"This was supposed to be the speech where Theresa May relaunched her flailing Premiership but it only confirmed her failure.

"She admitted Britain faces great problems but all she has to offer are watered down versions of Labour's ideas, reheated policies, and empty promises.

"On housing there were warm words but nowhere near enough action, on tuition fees she talked of a "review" but failed to mention that the Tories trebled them

to
over £9,000 and on energy bills, she provided no clarity after months of
confusion and u-turns. And there was nothing at all to deal with the crisis
the
Tories have created in the NHS, nor to deal with the fact that working
people's
wages have flat-lined under the Tories.

“Rather
than apologising to her party, Theresa May should have taken the
opportunity to apologise to the public for a record of failure for
the many which has left Britain worse off.

“Conference
season has shown us that the Conservatives are yesterday's party; Labour
is setting the agenda. With bold, mainstream plans like scrapping tuition
fees,
building a million new homes and public ownership of the energy
system, Labour
is the only party who will deal with the challenges facing the country. We
will
build a Britain for the many not the few.”

[Today's speech was meaningless bravado from the government's most policy- light minister – Gardiner](#)

Barry

Gardiner MP, Shadow Secretary of State for International Trade, responding to
Liam Fox's
Conservative Party speech said:

“Today's
speech was an opportunity for the Secretary of State to allay
business and industry's fears about the structure of our future trade
relations. A serious politician would have addressed the threat to 4,000 jobs
in Northern Ireland by the American decision to impose a 220 per cent tariff
on
Bombardier's C Series aircraft.

“His
facile suggestion that “Free Trade in Action” will increase variety for
consumers and reduce prices will ring hollow to those who fear what it could
mean for British jobs, given the Conservative's failure on Bombardier.

“Fox has

had more than a year to bring forward a trade white paper that sets out a proper road map for business export and inward investment. Today would have been a sensible time to introduce some of its key ideas. Instead we got meaningless bravado from the government’s most policy-light minister.”

[Kate Osamor responds to Priti Patel](#)

Kate Osamor MP, Labour’s Shadow Secretary of State for International Development, responding to Priti Patel’s speech to Conservative Party Conference, said:

“Priti Patel’s speech was incredibly thin on substance.

“She made no commitments to better resource and staff DFID so it can properly oversee private sector contractors or to ensure other government departments actually raise their game and fix the cross-government aid spending chaos. Priti Patel implied she will seek to change the international aid rules in October to divert Official Development Assistance meant for the world’s poorest to “British citizens in our British territories”, instead of funding the territories’ Hurricane Irma recovery from across Whitehall.

“Labour will continue to spend 0.7 per cent of gross national income on overseas development assistance, and develop a targeted development agenda to tackle global inequality and poverty, to build a world that works for the many, not the few.”

[Tory infighting is harming the Brexit process – Keir Starmer](#)

“David Davis’ damp squib of a speech has offered nothing new on how the Government intends to break the impasse in Brexit negotiations and deliver a new progressive partnership with the EU.

“On the day the European Parliament voted to delay future trade talks with Britain, it is now clear that Tory infighting is harming the Brexit process. Paralysis in the negotiations risks havoc for the British economy and uncertainty for EU and UK citizens.

“Theresa May must use her speech tomorrow to finally face down the fantasy

Brexiteers in her party and put the national interest first. If she is unwilling to do so, Labour stands ready to take charge of the negotiations and deliver a jobs-first Brexit deal that works for the many not the few.”