

## [Aston Martin's £500m trade deal announced today is welcome – Long-Bailey](#)

**Rebecca Long-Bailey MP, Shadow Business Secretary,** responding to Aston Martin's investment announcement, said:

"Aston Martin's £500m trade deal announced today is welcome, as is the continued investment of other car manufacturers such as Nissan and Toyota. However, the continued success of British automotive sector, the jewel in our manufacturing crown, is being put at risk.

"The Government's failing Brexit strategy twinned with a weak industrial strategy and secretive bespoke deals within the sector is the antitheses of the robust strategy the last Labour government put in place for the sector.

"Labour's properly resourced industrial strategy and jobs-first approach to leaving the EU is what is needed to ensure the continued prosperity of the automotive sector'."

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## [John Healey responds to terms of reference for independent inquiry into building regulations following Grenfell Tower fire](#)

**John Healey MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Housing,** responding to the release of terms of reference for the independent inquiry into building regulations following the Grenfell Tower fire, said:

"Ministers have been off the pace at every stage in responding to the terrible Grenfell Tower fire.

"While better late than never, it's now eleven weeks since Grenfell and over four years on from two Coroners' reports into previous high rise fires recommended

an overhaul of building regulations. Ministers promised a review in May 2013 but have failed to act since.

“Rather than waiting for the findings of this inquiry, Ministers should start acting on these existing recommendations immediately and incorporate any proposals from Dame Judith Hackitt.

“More broadly, Ministers must now use this inquiry to ensure that our system of fire checks and regulations has the clarity, accountability and proper standards needed so that no-one feels unsafe in their home.”

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## [Margaret Greenwood responds to ONS Working & Workless Households figures](#)

**Margaret Greenwood MP, Labour’s Shadow Employment Minister**, commenting on the Office of National Statistics Working and Workless Households figures, said:

“While any increases in employment are positive, under this Government work is no longer a reliable route out of poverty with over half of those living in poverty coming from a working household.

“There are four million children growing up in poverty in the UK; two thirds of these children live in working households.

“A Labour government for the many, not the few, will introduce a Real Living Wage to end in-work poverty once and for all, while investing in childcare to allow parents to get back to work once they are ready.”

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## [Jeremy Corbyn comment on Kezia Dugdale](#)

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**Jeremy Corbyn, Leader of the Labour Party, said:**

“I’d like to thank Kezia Dugdale for her work as Scottish Labour leader and the important role she has played in rebuilding the party in Scotland.

“Kezia became Scottish leader at one of the most difficult times in the history of the Scottish Labour Party, and the party’s revival is now fully under way, with six new MPs and many more to come.

“I want to thank Kez for her tireless service to our party and movement, and look forward to campaigning with her in future for a country that works for the many not the few.”

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## Under the Tories overcrowding and understaffing have created a prison crisis – Burgon

**Richard Burgon MP, Labour’s Shadow Justice Secretary,** responding to forecasts that the prison population is set to rise to 88,000 by 2022, said:

“Under the Tories, overcrowding and understaffing have brought the prison system to a crisis.

“These figures demonstrate that this Conservative Government has no real plan to fix the mess they’ve made and that overcrowding is only set to get worse over the coming years.”