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Long-Bailey, Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy commenting on Theresa May's visit to Copeland said:

"The Prime Minister today failed to assure that the UK is committed to the NuGen nuclear plant at Moorside in Cumbria.

"Taking an equity share as Labour has called for would ensure this vital power station built. Theresa May's lack of action compounds a failed and incoherent energy strategy, clumsily lurching from crisis to calamity.

"Labour supports new nuclear and the growth of renewable energy, but the Tories appear hell bent on preventing either, rushing us out of the Euratom nuclear partnership and slashing low carbon energy support.

"The Tories' failure is forcing up energy bills and threatening jobs."

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Notes to Editors

1 Labour tabled multiple amendments to the recent Article 50 Bills to seek continued membership of Euratom (the European Atomic Energy Community) including [NC192](#). The government rejected those attempts to keep the UK inside the nuclear research and trade community, despite strong [calls from the nuclear industry](#).

a. Leaving Euratom will have [significant implications](#) and [disruption](#) for the nuclear industry, and may [affect the construction of Hinkley Point C](#).

b.

[Legal opinion is split](#) as to whether leaving the EU necessitates the leaving Euratom.

c.
Labour has come out [in support of new nuclear](#).

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The Government has greatly [rolled back on support](#) for low carbon energy to [international condemnation](#).

a.
It is [months late in its publishing of the legally required Emissions Reduction Plan](#).

b.
And [risks missing it's legally required Carbon Budgets](#) as laid out in the Climate Change Act 2008.

3. Significant disruptions in financial flows to the energy infrastructure makes projects more risky, driving up the cost of capital and impacting bills payers.

[Government must now act to stop the growing pressure on low and middle income families – 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 concerned that wide regional differences in the numbers of people in work remain.

"It is also worrying to see that rising living costs are quickly catching up with wage growth. If this trend continues, the Government's abysmal record on living standards will get even worse.

“With wages set to be lower in 2021 than before the Tories came to power, they must now act to stop the growing pressure on low and middle income families.

“That’s why Labour is urging the Government to reverse cuts to in-work support that could see some working families worse off by £2,600 a year.”

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Long-Bailey, Labour’s Shadow Business Secretary, commenting on reports that General Motors is in talks to sell its European arm Opel, which includes the UK’s Vauxhall, said:

“In light of plans by General Motors to explore the option of selling Vauxhall and Opel, the Government should be pushing protection of our automotive sector right to the top of their agenda.

“Workers and investors need confidence that this industry will be robustly supported by Government for many years to come so that jobs are secure and investors are able to make long term decisions.

“I would also urge General Motors to work very closely with trade unions in progressing any deal to ensure that jobs are protected.”

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