

## [The Government's divide and rule tactics on public sector pay must end – Peter Dowd](#)

**Peter**

**Dowd MP, Labour's Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury**, responding to reports that the Treasury sought to conceal pay statistics, said:

"The Conservative Government's divide and rule tactics must end."

"Phillip

Hammond has sought to pit private sector workers against public sector workers, to justify a pay cap which has seen real wages slashed in our public services.

"The

figures revealed by the GMB today show that last year public sector wages were below the private sector, despite Hammond continuing to publicly demonise our public servants.

"Hammond's

subterfuge on public sector pay cannot be allowed to continue. Labour is committed to seeing parliament and the hard working public sector workers receive the answers they deserve around this Tory stitch-up."

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## [If hot air built homes, Ministers would have fixed our housing crisis – John Healey](#)

**John Healey MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Housing**, responding to Sajid

Javid's comments on the housing crisis on the Andrew Marr Show this morning, said:

"If hot air built homes, Ministers would have fixed our housing crisis. Any promise of new investment is welcome, but the reality is spending on new affordable homes has been slashed since 2010 so new affordable housebuilding is at a 24 year low.

"Rather than set more targets they can't meet, Ministers should back Labour's plan to build 100,000 genuinely affordable homes a year, including the biggest council housebuilding programme in more than 30 years."

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## [The danger for people facing catastrophic long-term care costs isn't over – Barbara Keeley](#)

**Barbara Keeley MP, Labour's Shadow Cabinet Minister for Social Care,**

responding to a leaked draft of this year's Tory manifesto, said:

"This leaked draft manifesto shows just how damaging the Dementia Tax could have been for people in need of care.

"But the danger for people facing catastrophic long-term care costs isn't over. It seems from social care minister Jackie Doyle-Price's recent comments that the Tories are still considering this disastrous policy.

"Labour will build a sustainable National Care Service funded by sharing risk across the population to avoid people facing catastrophic costs for care."

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## [Ministers should act now and help fund vital fire safety measures, starting with the highest risk blocks – John Healey](#)

**Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Housing, John Healey MP,** responding to Sajid

Javid's refusal to fund the retro-fitting of sprinklers in high-rise buildings on the Andrew Marr Show, said:

"Conservative Ministers

were told four years ago to get sprinklers retro-fitted into high-rise buildings following two fatal tower block fires, but failed to act.

"Today, even after the terrible fire at Grenfell Tower, Sajid Javid has confirmed the government is still refusing to provide any funding to install sprinklers. This is a neglect of government's responsibility to worried residents across the country.

"Ministers should act now and help fund these vital fire safety measures, starting with the highest risk blocks."

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## [These feeble proposals show that Ministers just don't get the scale of the problems facing homebuyers – John Healey](#)

Responding to the announcement of a call for evidence on improving the home-buying process, **John Healey MP, Labour's Shadow Housing Secretary, said:**

"Another week and another call for evidence on failings in the housing market, but these feeble proposals show that Ministers just don't get the scale of the problems facing homebuyers.

"This smacks of a political diversion from the hard facts of the Tories' housing record. Home-ownership is at a thirty year low and the number of younger home-owners is in freefall, but Ministers can only come up with a 'call for evidence' on improving the home-buying process.

"Compare the Tories' feeble gesture to Labour's plans – 100,000 discounted homes for first-time buyers, a cut in stamp duty, first dibs on new homes for local people and new protections for home-owners.

"This is a government out of touch and out of ideas. Conservatives know housing was a big part of why they did so badly at the election but after seven years of failure Ministers still have no plan to fix the housing crisis."