

The Chancellor is refusing to answer very basic questions because he is too weak to stand up to reckless Brexiteers in the Cabinet – John McDonnell

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McDonnell MP, Labour's Shadow Chancellor, speaking after Treasury Questions today, said:

"Today

I called on the Chancellor to agree to vote with Labour in the House of Commons

in opposing a 'No Deal' Brexit if one was to occur. He refused to answer the question.

"I

further asked him to at least agree to set out the principles of any transition

period after we leave the EU by the end of the year, as business leaders are calling for this right now in order to safeguard jobs and investment. He

again

refused to answer.

"It is

clear he is refusing to answer these very basic questions because he is too weak to stand up to the reckless Brexiteers in the Cabinet. But he needs to stop worrying about his own job and instead focus on the millions of people whose jobs are reliant on a deal and a transitional agreement with the EU.

"If

this weak government cannot do this due to infighting in the Conservative Party

then they need to step aside and let Labour take charge of safeguarding jobs in

our country."