

The gambling sector has to take responsibility and help people not to bet more than they can afford – Watson

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Watson MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, commenting

on online gambling firm 888 being ordered to pay a record £7.8m penalty by the Gambling Commission, said:

"This

outrageous case is more evidence of a gambling industry that needs to do more to

protect vulnerable customers – not exploit them. With 430,000 problem gamblers

in the UK, and over 2 million more at risk of addiction, the sector has to take

responsibility and help people not to bet more than they can afford."