

# Tory Manifesto offers a blank cheque for Britain – John McDonnell

Now the

Tories have published their manifesto in full we can see how a party that has added £700 billion to the national debt since 2010 really approaches the public finances.

Today they

have produced an 84 page document in which they made 60 spending commitments but provide costings for only one, just a day after Philip Hammond revealed he had no idea how much High Speed 2 will cost.

This

contrasts with Labour's fully-costed manifesto, published on Tuesday that identified funding covering all spending commitments.

**Commenting,**

**John McDonnell, the Shadow Chancellor, said:**

"The Tories' numbers don't add up. They have published an 84 page blank cheque that provides a tax giveaway guarantee for big business, while offering a roll of the dice for working families with no commitments to rule out rises in income tax and National Insurance.

"Now we can

see why Theresa May is running scared of debating Jeremy Corbyn, when she publishes a document like this that contains more questions than answers. It also further shows how her party has managed to add £700 billion to the national debt since 2010, as they won't be straight with the British people on how much their plans for a wealthy few truly cost.

"One of the few revenue

raisers they identified was withdrawing free school meals from children and withdrawing support for pensioners struggling to heat their homes – this just sums up the Tory approach.

"This is the

equivalent of the Prime Minister going to the shops with the nation's cheque book and not checking the price of the goods as she puts them in the trolley.

"All we know if the

Tories are returned next month is that if you're a pensioner you face the penalty of losing your winter fuel payments, control of your home, and the value of your pension.

"Today has

revealed that only the Labour Party at this election will stand up for pensioners, and the 95 percent of taxpayers to build an economy for the many not the few.”