# This is yet more evidence of the chaos at the heart of the Conservative Party — Nick Thomas-Symonds

**Nick Thomas-Symonds MP, Labour's Shadow Solicitor General,** responding to calls from senior Tories to drop a key manifesto pledge to scrap the Serious Fraud Office, said:

"This is yet more evidence of the chaos at the heart of the Conservative Party.

"Good corporate governance is essential to the UK's reputation at home and abroad; the Serious Fraud Office plays a vital part in this and should not be cast aside.

"Senior Tories are right to be alarmed at Theresa May's attempt to undermine the fight against big-ticket economic crime. She urgently needs to think again."

## Debbie Abrahams MP comment on today's ONS labour market statistics

Debbie Abrahams MP, Labour's Shadow Work

and Pensions Secretary, commenting on today's labour market stats from the
Office for National Statistics (ONS), said:

"We welcome the overall increase in employment, but are deeply concerned that millions remain in low paid, insecure work.

"The Government has also failed to close the employment gap faced by women, disabled people and BAME groups, who have too often borne the brunt of austerity cuts.

"With the cost of basic essentials rising by 2.9 per cent, while wages stagnate, too many of Britain's families are struggling to get by while Theresa May focuses on holding her unstable coalition of chaos together.

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**Burgon MP, Labour's Shadow Justice Secretary,** commenting on the Howard League for Penal Reform's

response to a joint inspection report of Medway secure training centre, said:

"This damning report is a sharp reminder that the prisons crisis remains unchecked.

"The new Justice Secretary must act quickly and explain how he is going to fix prisons and secure training centres which are violent and unsafe.

"The public is less safe as a result of seven years of Tory prison mismanagement.

"The next Labour Government will recruit 3,000 extra prison officers to improve safety and end the understaffing."

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## are losing out - McDonnell

**John McDonnell MP, Labour's Shadow Chancellor**, responding to today's inflation figures, said:

"Today's further rise in inflation is deeply worrying, and once again shows how the Tories' seven years of failed economic policy means working people are losing out, with wages lagging behind prices since the Tories came to power.

"Young people in particular, are suffering from a widening pay gap between the under and over-24s — increased by age distinctions in the Tories' socalled National Living Wage.

"And after seven wasted years of Tory economic failure with real wages falling behind prices, and living standards being squeezed, working people in our country simply cannot afford more of the same from Theresa May and her party.

"Only a Labour government will ensure working people's living standards are protected with a real Living Wage of £10 per hour, and immediate end to austerity spending cuts. At a time when the government is in total disarray, if they will not act then they need to stand aside and let a Labour government build an economy that works for the many, not the few."

# Jeremy Corbyn to take Labour's message of hope for the many not the few across the UK on the final day of campaigning

Jeremy Corbyn will speak at six rallies across England, Scotland and Wales on Wednesday 7 June 2017, the final day before polling day.

On Tuesday, 6 June, Jeremy addressed thousands at six simultaneous events — and watched by 1.5 million people on Facebook live.

On the final day of campaigning, Jeremy will begin the day in Glasgow Central and travel to Weaver Vale, Clwyd West, Watford, Harrow East, until he reaches the final rally in Islington South.

He will set out Labour's plans to transform Britain for the many, not the few, including:

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No tax rises for 95 percent of people and asking the top 5 percent and big businesses to pay a bit more to fund our schools, hospitals, social care and invest in our economy

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Protecting pensioners incomes with the triple lock and guaranteeing winter fuel payments

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Providing an extra £37 billion for the NHS and £8 billion for social care

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Raising the minimum wage to £10 an hour, ending the public sector pay cap and bringing in workers' rights from day one of any job

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Scrapping university tuition fees and bringing back education maintenance grants

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Cutting class sizes in schools and bringing in free school meals for all primary school children

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Building a million new homes

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Bringing rail, water, parts of the energy system and post back into public ownership to cut bills and improve in services

Commenting on Labour's last day of campaigning, Jeremy Corbyn, Leader of the Labour Party said:

"I am incredibly proud of Labour's manifesto to transform Britain for the many not the few.

"On the last day before people go to the polls, we will be campaigning in towns and cities across England, Scotland and Wales with our message that change can come.

"Our campaign has been about the kind of country we want to live in, one in which the wealth creators — that means all of us — share in that wealth, and everyone has the opportunity to succeed.

"Tomorrow, the British people will be able to vote for a government that will put an end to the rigged system that benefits the super-rich. Every vote for Labour will be a vote to put power, wealth and opportunity back in the

hands of the many, not the few."

Speaking at Glasgow Central, Jeremy Corbyn will say:

"Older people have given us so much but they are being held back by a Conservative government that is refusing to protect their incomes through

the pensions triple lock, is taking away the winter fuel allowance from millions of pensioners and demanding people pay for social care with their homes.

"Labour will do things differently. We won't take older people for granted like the Tories, we will treat them with the respect they deserve and have earned. We will guarantee the triple lock, keep the winter fuel allowance

and invest in social care to provide security and dignity for the many not the few."

## Speaking at Weaver Vale, Jeremy Corbyn will say:

"Our NHS is the nation's pride and joy, and our greatest achievement but it is under threat from underfunding and privatisation after seven years of the Conservatives. We can't afford another five years of the Tories.

"The election on Thursday is an opportunity to say enough is enough. We have had enough of our NHS being undermined, we've had enough of NHS

services being sold off for profit, and we've had enough of our brilliant NHS staff being treated with contempt.

"Labour will end the Conservatives' plans for more privatisation, give our NHS the funding it needs, and scrap the pay cap and give health workers

the pay rise they have needed for years."

## Speaking at Clywd West, Jeremy Corbyn will say:

"When police officers warned Theresa May as Home Secretary about the damaging effect of cuts, she accused them of 'scaremongering' and 'crying wolf'. What a disgraceful way to treat those brave officers who keep us safe every day.

"Labour will never take for granted those who keep us safe. We will invest to reverse years of Tory cuts, and employ 10,000 more police officers, 3,000 firefighters, 3,000 prison officers, 1,000 intelligence staff and 500 border guards. We will do whatever it takes to keep our people safe."

## Speaking at Watford, Jeremy Corbyn will say:

"The Conservatives have held students back for too long, saddling them with massive debts by trebling tuition fees. Labour will lift this cloud of debt — now an average of £45,000 — and scrap tuition fees as part of our plan to transform Britain for the many not the few.

"We believe everyone should have the chance to study, not

just those that can afford it, and we will restore the principle that education

is free. No one should be put off from getting an education through a lack of money or fear of debt."

## Speaking at Harrow East, Jeremy Corbyn will say:

"No child should go hungry at school. The Conservatives are ending universal free school meals for five, six and seven-year-olds and giving them a

breakfast that costs 6.8 p - that's barely a thimble of cornflakes.

"By charging VAT on private schools fees, Labour will make sure all primary school children get a healthy meal at school. We will build a society for the many not the few, starting with our children eating a healthy free lunch together."