

Use Queen's Speech to end cuts to emergency services – Jeremy Corbyn

Labour has tabled an amendment to the Queen's Speech, which will be the first vote of the new Parliament, when voted on tomorrow (Wednesday), and a test case for MPs' approach to austerity.

After seven years of austerity, the amendment seeks to force the government to end cuts to the police and fire service and lift the Public Sector Pay Cap to give emergency and public service workers a pay rise.

Commenting on the amendment, Jeremy Corbyn, Leader of the Labour Party, said:

"You can't have safety and security on the cheap. It is plain to see that seven years of cuts to our emergency services has made us less safe; it's time to make a change.

"Our emergency service workers make us proud at the worst of times for our country, such as the Grenfell Tower Fire and the recent terrorist attacks, and deserve the pay rise they have been denied for seven years.

"Conservative cuts have failed. Labour has a different approach, which values those who look after us and will transform Britain for the many not the few."