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Dear John

Following the U-turn on the clear commitment Jeremy Corbyn made to “deal with” student debt during the election and on which his team campaigned we are writing to ask you to set out Labour’s position on its other spending commitments.

The independent Institute for Fiscal Studies said that our national debt would be £106 billion higher under Labour’s manifesto. Jeremy Corbyn has made £12.9 billion of further promises since the manifesto was published and Labour’s nationalisation programme will cost £134 billion at the very least – in reality the figure could be much higher.

In total Labour would add at least £253 billion more to the national debt by end of the Parliament than the Conservatives.

Based on the OBR’s current projections of the cost of government borrowing, this extra debt means a Labour Government would have to waste at least £5.8 billion more on interest payments every year.

This position is clearly untenable. Either you will need to make reductions to public spending in areas which you are yet to identify, raise taxes in areas you have yet to identify or break the promises you made to the electorate.

The public will rightly want to know in order to fund your extra borrowing:

What areas of public spending you will reduce?

What new taxes you plan to raise or introduce?

What further election promises you will break?

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

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