

DEAR NEWCASTLE, **CHI** ONWURAH

MP FOR NEWCASTLE CENTRAL



Visiting Newcastle Helix's Northern Accelerator, the National Innovation Centre for Aging with Shadow BEIS Secretary, Jonny Reynolds.

AUTUMN STATEMENT SHOWS TORY CHOICES IN COST OF LIVING CRISIS

So many constituents are contacting me about rising costs as inflation spirals. After the Tories crashed the economy in September, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Chancellor Jeremy Hunt had a choice over who would pay the bill – working people or oil companies and tax exiles. Well you can guess the choice they made – putting up taxes for working people!

Of course even if they weren't part of the Truss-Kwarteng Government they have been deeply involved in the Tory years of failure – Sunak as a previous Chancellor of the Exchequer, Hunt as Health Secretary for so many years as the NHS was starved of funds.

They talk about difficult decisions, but they refused to put a proper windfall tax on excess energy profits or address the tax loopholes of non dom status. Everyday we see more and more examples of the NHS in crisis – millions on waiting lists, patients being treated in ambulances because there are no beds for them, staff overworked and exhausted.

The Government are trying to blame it all on Putin and Covid, but other countries are not in the mess we are. It is their mismanagement over the last twelve years which has caused these problems.

The Government also refused to credibly address climate change in a way which creates jobs and meets our international obligations. Britain should be leading the way to tackle the climate crisis. Labour will lift the barriers to onshore wind and unleash our country's potential, cutting energy bills and creating quality jobs in the North East.



Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Small Business Saturday

BACKBENCH AND CONSTITUENCY ROLE

I called an Adjournment debate to highlight the lack of peer to peer support for birth parents in the adoption process and a wonderful, Newcastle based charity, Families in Care which, uniquely, provides that support to birth parents in Newcastle, and is increasingly in demand across the country.

I visited Newcastle's Cat and Dog Shelter and saw the fantastic work they are doing to care for pets abandoned or mistreated, especially during this cost of living crisis. They don't receive any national funding and are facing rising costs

I continue to engage with the Prime Minister, Ministers, Government Agencies and others regarding the local bus services, the ongoing situation in Iran, pandemic recovery in Africa, human rights in Saudi Arabia, and cuts to local BBC services.



Visiting Victoria and Albert Museum to see their stunning new exhibit "Africa Fashion"



Marching with Labour colleagues at the Reclaim the Night protest in Newcastle and Gateshead

MEDIA

I appeared in national and local media including Research Fortnight on R&D spending and an ITV interview on Tyne Bridge repairs. I urged the Government to ensure the much needed repair work to our wonderful Tyne Bridge does not further disrupt transport links.

ORGANISATION

We were joined by Jay Black as an intern one day a week in the Westminster Office and Isaac Biddle on a placement from Newcastle University in the Newcastle Office.

We were very sad to lose our regular volunteer Christine Shepherd who died suddenly. We will all miss her.

SHADOW MINISTERIAL AND PES ROLE

After months of chaos the Conservatives finally identified a Science Minister and set out his responsibilities. George Freeman then announced half a billion of funding to address "Horizon uncertainty", without saying where the money would come from "or whether we would associate with Horizon"

With Shadow Secretary of State Jonny Reynolds I visited a number of great examples of science and innovation in Newcastle – Spincraft on the Scotswood Road, The Centre for Healthy Aging at the Helix, and Cancer Research at Newcastle University. We were both very impressed by the extent and variety of the research, development and commercialisation of innovation going on in Newcastle. We discussed the importance of a more consistent funding and regulatory environment.

I closed Labour's Opposition Day Debate on our Industrial Future highlighting how Conservative industrial policies have left working people poorer today than in 2010.

I continue to meet with stakeholders in the research, business and science communities to discuss how we can build an Innovation Nation.

Parliamentary Activity

FROM THE FRONT BENCH: 3

SI: IMI Regulation (Amendment) 1 Dec BEIS Questions:
Horizon 29 Nov Britain's Industrial Future 15 Nov

FROM THE BACK BENCH: 8

Rail Cancellations in the North 1 Dec Anti Lockdown
Protest in Shanghai 29 Nov Bus Services 24 Nov
Adoption: Support for birth families 17 Nov G20 17 Nov
Missile Incident in Poland 16 Nov Iran 16 Nov COP 27 9
Nov

WRITTEN QUESTIONS: 97

Healthcare Access 30 Nov 2022 Economic Inactivity 30 Nov 2022 Small Business Tax Credit 30 Nov 2022 Research: Finance 30 Nov 2022 Research: Finance 30 Nov 2022 Research: Finance 30 Nov 2022 Catapult Centres 30 Nov 2022 Mortgage Interest Rates 29 Nov 2022 Mortality Trends 29 Nov 2022 Mortgage Interest Rates 29 Nov 2022 Wealth: North East 29 Nov 2022 Cancer: Newcastle upon Tyne 29 Nov 2022 Cancer: Waiting Lists 29 Nov 2022 Healthy Start Scheme 29 Nov 2022 Clinical Trials 29 Nov 2022 Lung Cancer: North East 29 Nov 2022 Care Workers 29 Nov 2022 Clinical Trial Costs 29 Nov 2022 Antidepressants: North East 29 Nov 2022 Cabinet Committees 29 Nov 2022 Foreign Investment in UK: Departmental Responsibilities 29 Nov 2022 Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy: Departmental Responsibilities 29 Nov 2022 Research: Finance 29 Nov 2022 Science: Investment 28 Nov 2022 Research: Finance 28 Nov 2022 Research: Investment 28 Nov 2022 Capital Investment: Applications 28 Nov 2022 Capital Investment 28 Nov 2022 Research: Tax Allowances 28 Nov 2022 Technology: Ethnic Groups 28 Nov 2022 Technology: Ethnic Groups 28 Nov 2022 Energy Price Guarantee: Personal Records 28 Nov 2022 Research: Investment 25 Nov 2022 Research: Finance 25 Nov 2022 Research: Finance 25 Nov 2022 Catapult Centres 25 Nov 2022 Catapult Centres 25 Nov 2022 Research and Development Expenditure Credit 24 Nov 2022

Ukraine: Aviation 24 Nov 2022 Research: Tax Allowances 24 Nov 2022 Research: Finance 24 Nov 2022 Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy: Departmental Responsibilities 24 Nov 2022 Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy: Departmental Responsibilities 24 Nov 2022 Innovation and Technology 23 Nov 2022 Economic Growth 23 Nov 2022 Research: Tax Allowances 23 Nov 2022 Research: Tax Allowances 23 Nov 2022 Research: Tax Allowances 23 Nov 2022 Economic Growth 23 Nov 2022 Industry: Economic Growth 23 Nov 2022 Capital Investment 23 Nov 2022 Research: Tax Allowances 23 Nov 2022 Industry: Economic Growth 23 Nov 2022 Research: Investment 23 Nov 2022 Regional Planning and Development 23 Nov 2022 Research: Tax Allowances 23 Nov 2022 Research: Tax Allowances 23 Nov 2022 Research: Tax Allowances 23 Nov 2022 Research: Tax Allowances 23 Nov 2022 Research: Tax Allowances 23 Nov 2022 Research: Tax Allowances 23 Nov 2022 Research: Tax Allowances 23 Nov 2022 Energy: Meters 18 Nov 2022 Advanced Research and Invention Agency: Pay 18 Nov 2022 Oil: Shetland 18 Nov 2022 Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre 18 Nov 2022 Intellectual Property: Departmental Responsibilities 18 Nov 2022 Tech Nation: Equality 17 Nov 2022 Science: Research 16 Nov 2022 Offshore Industry: Environment Protection 15 Nov 2022 Energy Price Guarantee 14 Nov 2022 Asylum 14 Nov 2022 Science: Research 14 Nov 2022 Research: Tax Allowances 08 Nov 2022 Research and Development Tax Credit 08 Nov 2022 Research and Development Expenditure Credit: Small Businesses 08 Nov 2022 Clinical Trials 08 Nov 2022 General Practitioners: Newcastle upon Tyne 08 Nov 2022 Biometrics: Arts and Audio Recordings 07 Nov 2022 Research: Tax Allowances 07 Nov 2022 Energy: Meters 07 Nov 2022 Dementia: Research 07 Nov 2022 Dementia: Health Services 07 Nov 2022 District Heating 07 Nov 2022 Research and Development Tax Credit: Hospitality Industry 03 Nov 2022 Research and Development Tax Credit 03 Nov 2022 Research and Development Expenditure Credit 03 Nov 2022 Research: Tax Allowances 03 Nov 2022 Life Expectancy: Newcastle upon Tyne 03 Nov 2022 Voluntary Scheme for Branded Medicines Pricing and Access 03 Nov 2022 Science: Research 03 Nov 2022 Medical Equipment: Regulation 03 Nov 2022 Coronavirus: Vaccination 03 Nov 2022 Healthy Start Scheme: Newcastle Upon Tyne 03 Nov 2022 Private Patients 03 Nov 2022

MEETINGS AND VISITS

In conversation with Jonathan Reynolds Labour North Business Network launch, Spincraft, Helix, Cancer Research Newcastle, British Legion poppy volunteer, Food Foundation, Civil Service Pensioners Alliance, Nash Squared State of Digital report launch, Royal Society Biology Biosciences, Labour North Boundary Commission, Hunger in East Africa, AIC, Pancreatic Cancer Awareness, Starship Technology, Labour Business CEO event, Art for All, Venki Ramakrishanan, Labour Business Reception, Launch of Friends of Roots, APPG Engineering with Kenton School, Unison Stars in our Schools, Team Tempest, President Ramaphosa address, APPG Ethnic Minority Business, Islamophobia Awareness Month, Jazz Pharmacy, Leo Brosh Jewish Leadership Council, British Plastics Federation, , World Animal Protection/Alliance to Save out Antibiotics, Support the Women of Iran, Murgitroyd IP & trade marks, Dame Allans, TUC Reclaim the night, Chester campaigning, Amazon MP dinner, CPI Catapult High Value Manufacturing, Dog & Cat shelter, Reed Restart, Alan Mitchell Mydex, British Copyright Council, LGA Parliamentary reception, Gavin Costigan Foundation Science & Tech

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

BLM Winning CIO Expleo Exec Club webinar, Unison Annual Energy Conference, Birmingham City University Creative Arts Reception, IPSOS interview Internet, Labour Women's event, Drug Reform Event, Care4Calais north east, closing of Opposition Day Debate, Charing Delivering the UK's National Space Strategy, fab Bakery MP HERoes informal roundtable, Nominet's Cyber Security Event, Adjournment debate, Royal Society R&I Community of Interest, Make UK's Technology, Innovation & Sustainability Board, APPG STEM



Visting Newcastle Dog and Cat Shelter, a great charity in the City



With Shynara from FAB Bakery in Fenham at the MP HERoes awards in Parliament.

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With fantastic young engineers from Kenton School, my old school. It's always great to have more Geordies in Westminster!

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TOP TWEET IN NOVEMBER:

So today Mr Musk decided to make me 'official' & then take it away within a couple of hours.

Fortunately the only people who can make me an 'official' representative are the people of #NewcastleCentral.

<https://twitter.com/ChiOnwurah/status/1590403776829337600?s=20&t=IUKdDuBGJaoENpJ5IN9S0g>

