

DEAR NEWCASTLE, **CHI** ONWURAH

MP FOR NEWCASTLE CENTRAL



Supporting our ambulance workers

PRICES UP, PROFITS UP, WAGES DOWN

Both the United States and the European Union have announced big investments in Net Zero energy and infrastructure to deliver local jobs for local communities. We are still awaiting the Government's plan – but they are totally taken up by their internal infighting and mired in scandal and controversy. Labour have already committed to spending £28 Billion per year investing in our infrastructure and innovation to deliver great jobs as well as a fairer, greener economy.

The unhappy reality is that over 13 years of Tory Government North East wages have fallen by 3% in real terms. Every household in the country is £11,000 worse off because of lost wage growth under successive Conservative Governments. Now the respected International Monetary Fund says that we will be in recession for the next two years, meaning we will get poorer still.

Thanks to Conservative refusal to put in place a proper windfall tax, the big energy companies are announcing record profits, even as soaring prices force many working people to foodbanks. Still the Government refuses to sit down and discuss pay with nurses, teachers, train drivers or the other groups taking strike action. That is why the responsibility for resulting disruption and loss of business lies squarely with the Government.



Meeting Gill's in Fenham to discuss rising energy costs for businesses.

BACKBENCH AND CONSTITUENCY ROLE

My surgeries have been getting busier and busier with the cost of living crisis and the pressures on public services. I have therefore added an online surgery, the first Saturday of every month.

I raised the cost of living crisis impact on students in Newcastle with Ministers following a visit to Newcastle University Students Union and hearing from them the pressures on students in the city. The Government appears to think that current support is sufficient.

I wrote to the Combined Authority Mayor to object to proposals to use public money to continue the redevelopment of Strawberry Place next to St James Park, against the wishes of many. I am pleased that the proposals were rejected.

I (again) raised the issue of our bus services with the Government Minister for buses. I (again) received reassurances of improvements!

I met the Bangladeshi High Commissioner and invited her to Newcastle. She said yes!

I continue to engage with the Prime Minister, Ministers, Government Agencies and others regarding local bus services, the ongoing situation in Iran and Iranian regime supporters in the UK, cuts to local BBC services, pay disputes in the NHS workforce, and the situation regarding the Strawberry Place development.



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MEDIA

I have appeared in local and national media including being a guest on BBC Politics North where I challenged Simon Clarke's unacceptable comments that nurses using foodbanks need budgeting lessons. I also gave quotes on the Strawberry Place development and questioned the Food Minister's claim in the Commons that food security was rising.

ORGANISATION

Maria stepped into the breach to reduce pressures on the team workload.

SHADOW MINISTERIAL AND PES ROLE

·I visited Oxford and Manchester Universities to see how they support and diffuse innovation and to discuss how better to engage with local businesses to support regional economic growth

·At BEIS questions I raised the example of a fantastic local University spin out whose R&D will be reduced by the Government's changes to R&D tax credit for small businesses announced without any warning and no guidance.

·I continue to meet with stakeholders in the research, business and science communities to discuss how we can build an Innovation Nation. In January I visited Oxford, Manchester and Newcastle Universities.

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Simon Clarke does not regret his comments about nurses using foodbanks because he doesn't think they were offensive.

It is insulting and ridiculous for someone who is still a Truss Economics supporter to lecture anyone else on budgeting.

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Parliamentary Activity

FROM THE FRONT BENCH: 3

Artificial Intelligence: IP Property Rights 1 Feb Small and Medium Businesses 17 Jan Future of Postal Services 10 Jan

FROM THE BACK BENCH: 8

IMF Economic Outlook 31 Jan Agricultural Transition Plan 26 Jan Wagner Group: Sanctions 25 Jan Bus Services: Newcastle 19 Jan SEND Provision 16 Jan Cost of Living: Students 16 Jan Affordable Local Food: Newcastle 12 Jan Energy Support 9 Jan

WRITTEN QUESTIONS: 100

Government Office for Technology Transfer: Staff 02 Feb 2023 Medicine: Research 02 Feb 2023 Clinical Trials: Costs 02 Feb 2023 Dementia: Research 02 Feb 2023 Foreign Investment in UK: India 02 Feb 2023 Research: Foreign Investment in UK 02 Feb 2023 Palantir: Contracts 01 Feb 2023 Pensions: Reform 31 Jan Stamp Duty Land Tax: Newcastle upon Tyne Central 31 Jan 2023 Bridges: Newcastle upon Tyne 31 Jan 2023 Medical Records: Data Protection 31 Jan 2023 Medical Records: Data Protection 31 Jan 2023 Government Departments: ICT 30 Jan 2023 Small Businesses: Tax Allowances 30 Jan 2023 Academies: Admissions 30 Jan Energy: Meters 30 Jan Government Office for Technology Transfer: Innovation 30 Jan 2023 Trade Agreements: USA 30 Jan 2023 Trade Promotion: India 30 Jan 2023 Police: DNA 27 Jan 2023 Amazon Web Services 27 Jan 2023 Trade Promotion 27 Jan 2023 Plastics: Recycling 27 Jan 2023 Palantir: Contracts 26 Jan 2023 Research: Finance 26 Jan 2023 Visas: Facilities 26 Jan 2023 Visas: Ghana and Nigeria 26 Jan 2023 Visas: Africa 26 Jan 2023 Alzheimer's Disease and Parkinson's Disease: Research 26 Jan 2023 Research: India 26 Jan 2023 Government Departments: ICT 25 Jan 2023 Plastics: Recycling 25 Jan 2023 Social Rented Housing: Newcastle upon Tyne 25 Jan 2023 Qualifications: Newcastle upon Tyne Central 25 Jan 2023 Energy: Newcastle upon Tyne Central 25 Jan 2023 Innovation and Research 25 Jan 2023

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MEETINGS AND VISITS

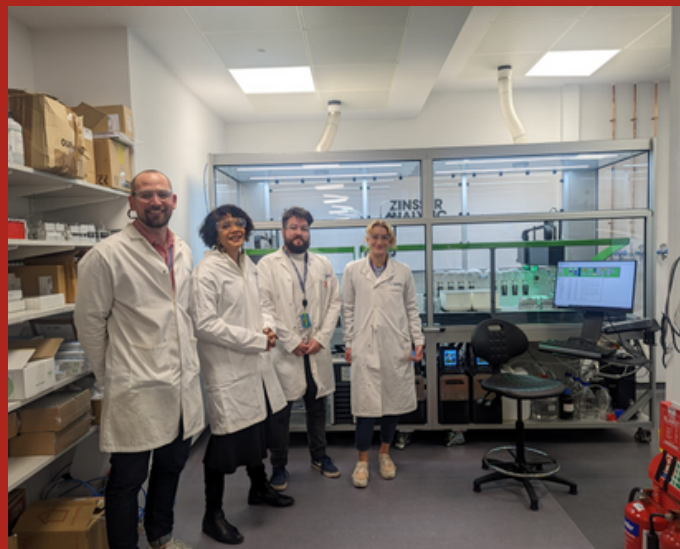
Marie Labus CEO AMIo Biosciences, Michelle Percy Grainger Market, British Healthcare Trades Association, Constituency Convenience Store visit, George Robinson 3UK re 5G rollout, Singapore Deputy High Commissioner, Jon Elcock catch up, Prof Richard Jones Manchester Uni with Jonny, National Oceanography Centre, Bangladesh High Commission, Surgery Minister Merriman, John Midgley Amazon, Tech London Advocates India, Minister Mitchell APPG Africa, Chas Bountra Pro Vice Chancellor Innovation, Patrick Grant ProVice Chancellor Research Oxford, Working Sessions with UK/US delegations, Anouska Gregorek Jonny assistant, Tom Loosemore Public digital catch up, Dr Charles Rose Hainsford Ltd, Andy Pinto Spock Investments, Tech UK, Vertical Aerospace, Northern Gas Networks, Tigray meeting, Phoenix pension investment, Innovate UK, Moltex Flex With Jon Michaelis, James Duddridge, DACS (Carbon Engineering & Storegga), professor Herron Faraday Institute electric batteries gigafactories with Johnny, Silence Therapeutics, Manchester University visit, Gritstone visit, Representative Council of North East Jewry, Bangladesh High Commission 51 years of historic maiden visit, Moderna Call, GMB briefing with NHS ambulance members, Jeegar Kakkad, CITMA. Great North Museum Hancock "Challenging Legacies", APPG for France Annual General Meeting.



Hopefully the ribbons will be black and white soon!
With the Premier League at Labour's Trade Reception

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Decentralised Science conference, British American Business roundtable discussion, Academy of Excellence International Opening ceremony, Ahead of the Curves roundtable discussion, BVCA Roundtable, Chair APPG Creative diversity roundtable, UNISON private parliamentary roundtable, TechUK 2023 Outlook for Digital Regulation, Warwick University STEM PhD students' careers talk



Visiting Oxford University's Rosalind Franklin Institute



Speaking at the BVCA Emerging Technology Conference

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Bangladesh's High Commissioner
agreed to come to Newcastle!

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TOP TWEET IN JANUARY:

Many constituents have contacted me with concerns on the proposed use of public funds for the Strawberry Place site and the impact on #NUFC. I hope use of public funds to develop land previously earmarked for St James' Park expansion is rejected.

My letter to the Mayor

https://twitter.com/ChiOnwurah/status/1620417289496727556?s=20&t=tfJF3sdcxW_4TnzeMhrvYQ

