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Teachers pay

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about teacher's pay.

Teachers do a highly challenging and important job and deserve to be recognised as highly skilled professions but have consistently been undervalued by the Conservative Government. The decision of the Government to lift the cap on teacher's pay is a step in a right direction but for many teachers this will still equate to another real terms pay cut and will do little to ease the crisis in teacher recruitment and retention.

This crisis risks being made worse by the failure of the Government to fully fund its pay rise to teachers. I share the concern of many teachers and parents that schools will have to find more than £250 million from their already stretched budgets to meet the cost of the first 1% of the pay award. Government cuts to education have already stretched our schools to the limit and it is unacceptable to expect schools to have to make further cuts.

That is why alongside my Labour colleague I will continue campaign to increase funding for our schools and to protect schools from the impact of austerity. We will also continue to demand that teachers – and indeed all public service workers – get a fair deal from the Government and that this money does not come from existing budgets. I have also added my name to Early Day Motion 1605 which calls on the Government to meet the full cost to schools of the pay increases to teachers announced in response to the recommendations of the School Teachers' Review Body.

Thanks again to everyone who has got in touch with me about this issue.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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