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### Labour has lost control of the economy

This week's Pre-Budget Report has confirmed that the Government has lost control of the public finances, Keighley and Ilkley Conservative Prospective Parliamentary Candidate Kris Hopkins has said.

Cllr Hopkins commented:

"The Chancellor's speech underlined that the Labour Government, along with the economy, is in meltdown.

"It has doubled the national debt in the space of five years and is now going to force millions of people across the country into greater personal debt after huge tax rises.

"Despite Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling's claims to the contrary, the UK faces a much deeper and more damaging recession than almost any other country in the Western world.

"This Government has lost control of the nation's finances and all of us are about to pay the price.

"Alongside the increase in National Insurance contributions, I am especially taken aback by the decision to balance out the reduction of VAT on fuel by raising petrol duty.

"Labour Ministers have long been known to give away with one hand and take back with the other, but this is in an entirely different league."

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