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Queen's Speech shows Labour Government has run out of ideas

This morning's Queen's Speech was further evidence that the Labour Government has lost touch with the people and run out of ideas, Keighley and Ilkley Conservative Parliamentary Candidate Kris Hopkins has said.

"What we had was a rehash of old policies, attempts to cover up past failings and a complete absence of ideas on how the Government intends to dig us out of the rapidly deepening economic hole Gordon Brown has put us in to," commented Cllr Hopkins.

"Labour has had 11 years to implement its supposedly big plans on welfare reform and all we heard in the Queen's Speech was the prospect of a new bill which promises to take us no further forward.

"Before coming to office in 1997, the Government placed great emphasis on decreasing child poverty but its policies have sadly made the problem worse. The proposed legislation announced in the Queen's Speech will simply include a reference to a target which it currently has no prospect of hitting and no new thinking on how it thinks it might turn the situation around."

"And, as the country faces up to an impending housing crisis brought on by Gordon Brown's destruction of our economy, there was not a single mention of housing in the entire speech.

"With only 12 new bills, it was the shortest Queen's Speech since Labour came to power because they have nothing new to say.

"This is a Labour Government which has lost touch with the people and run out of ideas – the sooner it is run out of office, the better it will be for our country."

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