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Damian Hinds Responds to the Comprehensive Spending Review

Following the announcement of the results of the Comprehensive Spending Review today by George Osborne, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Damian Hinds has released the following statement:

“The comprehensive spending review involves some very difficult decisions. I have no intention of trying to play down the real impact the measures will have, on people across society, and across East Hampshire.

“In spite of the urgent need to act against the deficit, spending on the NHS and schools has been not just protected but increased, and real efforts are being made to protect the most vulnerable.

“But without doubt, changes to the tax credit and benefits system will be felt by many families and the rise in the rail fare cap will be felt by all commuters. All sections of society are being asked to take a share of the burden – from the 50p top rate of tax and changes to capital gains tax, to welfare reform, to the VAT increase that will affect us all.

“With the measures outlined in the comprehensive spending review we are making huge strides in attacking the massive interest payments on our national debt, payments which could choke off the recovery and imperil our public services.

“The whole Coalition, Conservatives and Liberal Democrats, and senior Labour figures like Alastair Darling, agree that we have a duty to act now. I know that many people will in the short term feel worse off – no one wanted that to happen. But by taking decisive action now we can help to keep interest rates down, minimise unemployment and promote growth in the economy. That is the most important thing for our future prosperity.”

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