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Let Them Eat Beans!! Miserly $2.86-A-Day JobSeeker Increase Makes Labor The Party Of Hopelessness And Homelessness

The $2.86-a-day (in real terms) JobSeeker increase that begins today is only a drop in the ocean, compared to what is required to lift job-seekers out of poverty, and that makes Labor the party of hopelessness and homelessness.

"Research by Anglicare found Australia JobSeeker would need to increase to $88-a-day to lift people out of poverty but Labor's $2.86-a-day increase will barely pay for a can of baked beans", said spokesperson, Brendan Fowell.

"This measly JobSeeker raise will bring JobSeeker to $53-a-day, still $35-a-day ($245-a-week) below the poverty-line of $88-a-day. Meanwhile Labor's top end tax cuts will give people earning more than $200,000 a tax cut of $9000 a year. The tax cuts will cost $243 billion over 10 years, that is enough to build 100 new RAH style hospitals", he said.

"On election eve, Albanese promised to leave no-one behind, but they have just left over two million Australians behind," That is how many people could have been lifted out of poverty by raising JobSeeker and other Centrelink payments above the poverty-line", said Mr Fowell.

"Australians on low incomes would do what they did with the COVID income boost, they would pay bills, and buy fresh fruit and vegetables. The top end tax cuts will just be blown on overseas holidays and luxury goods", said Mr Fowell.

"Albanese is too busy hanging around with the likes of Alan Joyce to care about poverty anymore", concluded Mr Fowell.

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