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### **Labour's insensitivity to unemployed Scots staggering - Tolson**

Commenting on the latest national statistics showing that Scottish unemployment continues to rise, Liberal Democrat Jim Tolson MSP said:

“At Prime Minister’s Questions this week Gordon Brown said that Labour have *‘taken action so that we can see unemployment falling’*.”

This just shows how out of touch the Labour Government is with the people in this area struggling to find work. In the last year, the number of people unemployed in the Dunfermline West constituency has risen by 591.

Gordon Brown’s insensitivity to those Scots still facing unemployment is simply staggering. His triumphalism on UK job numbers is offensive when the latest figures show Scottish unemployment is rising.

Labour has taken Scotland for granted for too long. Only the Liberal Democrats will provide the investment in jobs and young people we need to build a fairer, stronger economy.”

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