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FSB reacts to Ed Balls' speech

Reacting to Labour's announcement on business rates, **John Allan, National Chairman, Federation of Small Businesses**, said:

"The Shadow Chancellor has said that Labour are pro-business, not business as usual. We welcome the support promised to small firms, now we need to see the small print and the wider vision.

"We agree that the business rates system is not fit for firms in the 21st century, but Labour's proposals should only be the first step towards fundamental reform.

"Labour now needs to provide our members with much more detail, not only on business rates reforms, but also key areas such as exports and infrastructure delivery.

"The FSB's Business Manifesto is being launched at party conferences and provides a wealth of ideas of how they and the other parties can deliver for small businesses."

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Notes to Editors

1. The FSB is the UK's leading business organisation with around 200,000 members. It exists to protect and promote the interests of the UK's Real-Life Entrepreneurs who run their own business. More information is available at www.fsb.org.uk and follow on twitter [@fsb_policy](https://twitter.com/fsb_policy)
2. The FSB Small Business Manifesto for the 2015 general election can be downloaded here: <http://ht.ly/BLtpa>

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