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# **If there is a hung parliament the priority is “it’s the economy stupid!” says North Hampshire Enterprise**

In view of the prospect of a hung parliament and the General Election taking place in a matter of days, North Hampshire Enterprise urges the next Government in whatever form it takes to set out as its priority a commitment to securing the future of the economy.

Gill Edinburgh, Deputy Chief Executive at North Hampshire Enterprise commented on the possibility of a hung parliament, she said, “The business community wants the government to have strong leadership but the will of the people must decide who governs the country over the next parliamentary term. If we have a balanced government with no political party in overall control, the business community urges the government to set out early on its commitment to making sure the economy is set on a road to recovery. A hung parliament should avoid time spent arguing needlessly on irrelevant issues and help address the fundamental challenges which face the economy. Growing the economy will grow tax take without requiring tax rises and firms need to be supported through the recovery and beyond irrespective of the make-up of Government.”

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