

# Johnson steps aside for Ed Balls - which is good news f...

Published: January 14, 2026, 2:47 pm

---

From [The Telegraph, minutes ago](#): Alan Johnson is stepping down as Shadow Chancellor. Ed Balls replaces him, Yvette Cooper goes to Home Affairs and Douglas Alexander to the Foreign Office brief.

Yes!

Now we have a team with ability and fight in it.

It's time to unleash Ed Balls. Let the counter attack really begin!