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RETURN OF TAX CUTING TORIES

PM says it's time to 'reward hard work' in tomorrow's Autumn Statement — and there could be MORE giveaways in the spring

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RISHI Sunak has ordered billions of pounds of tax cuts in a bid to boost the economy and turn the tide in next year's election.

In a two-stage package of reforms, Chancellor Jeremy Hunt will announce the first wave of tax cuts tomorrow, with more to follow in the Budget in March.

A Tory source said the Prime Minister had told colleagues that the Conservatives had to 'show, not tell' on tax cuts after raising the burden to record levels.

Mr Sunak yesterday hinted that he wanted to cut taxes on income to 'reward hard work', fuelling speculation that Mr Hunt is poised to announce a cut in National Insurance or income tax when he delivers his Autumn Statement on the economy tomorrow.

Cuts to business taxes are also expected as ministers try to boost investment and eco-

nomic growth.

But the PM warned that the battered state of the public finances, coupled with continuing inflation problems, meant the shift to a lower tax economy would not be immediate.

In a major speech on the economy yesterday, he said: 'We can't do everything all at once. It will take discipline and we need to prioritise. But over time, we can and we will cut taxes.'

Tory strategists believe that cutting tax is vital to reviving the party's hopes of winning next year's election. Mr Sunak repeatedly turned



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