

Government whip compiling what looks like a register of Brexit heretics is unacceptable – Angela Rayner

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Rayner MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Education, commenting on a letter

from Government whip Chris Heaton-Harris MP to universities asking for the names of tutors lecturing on Brexit and copies of their course syllabi, said:

"This is yet another shambles from a Conservative Government that doesn't have a clue.

"It's unacceptable for a Government Whip to compile what looks like a register of Brexit heretics in the first place, but the Conservatives' chaotic response has made things worse. First Number 10 tried to distance themselves from him – remarkably claiming a Government Whip doesn't speak for the Government – only for Andrea Leadsom, the Leader of the House, to defend his actions.

"This sorry episode reveals a Government in disarray and a Prime Minister incapable of getting a grip."