

# HMP Liverpool report raises more very serious questions about the outsourcing of Government contracts – Richard Burgon

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**Burgon MP, Labour's Shadow Justice Secretary**, responding to the report into HMP Liverpool by the Chief Inspector of Prisons, said:

“After Carillion's collapse, this report raises more very serious questions about the outsourcing of Government contracts.

“Private contractor Amey has failed to complete thousands of maintenance jobs at HMP Liverpool and the Government must explain why it is continuing to receive public money when the work simply isn't being done.

“The conditions at HMP Liverpool with rat infestations, leaking toilets, damp and squalor are the worst ever seen by inspectors. This is a new low in the long list of damning evidence that shows Tory outsourcing and cuts to the prison service are fuelling a crisis in our prisons.

“Labour in government would look at bringing prison maintenance contracts back in house. The Government must now do the same.”

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