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Trickett MP, Labour's Shadow Minister for the Cabinet Office, responding to a Regulatory Policy Committee report criticising the quality of departments' impact assessments of policy decisions, said:

"Years of Tory cuts are clearly taking their toll on civil servants who face increased workloads, tight resources and worsening conditions.

"It is utterly unacceptable that departments are diverting resources away from providing rigorous impact assessment of their decisions – what some might call 'idiot-proofing' the civil service from Tory policy.

"Ministers could be leading us up the garden path and the departments themselves would be none the wiser.

"It is crucial that the Government urgently improve departmental monitoring and evaluation measures."