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Richard Burgon MP, Labour's Shadow Justice Secretary, responding to Government [proposals to privatise the collection of court fines](#), said:

"It is unbelievable that the Government is planning further privatisation to the justice system.

"The outsourcing of Civil Enforcement Officers will combine weaker oversight with pressure to maximise profits and risks more and more people becoming victim of rogue private bailiffs.

"A previous attempt to privatise all enforcement work was abandoned, but only after the Conservative government had wasted millions of pounds of taxpayers' money pursuing it. It should not be putting such a flawed idea back on the table.

"From the deep failures in the part-privatised probation system to the scandal surrounding G4S tagging contracts, the Conservative Government's obsession with privatisation is at the expense of delivering a fair justice system that works for all."