

# **It's about time Justice Secretary Truss stopped mud-slinging and took responsibility – Richard Burgon**

**Richard**

**Burgon MP, Labour's Shadow Justice Secretary**, responding to Justice Secretary Liz Truss's speech at the Centre for Social Justice, said:

"It's

about time Justice Secretary Truss stopped mud-slinging and took responsibility. Liz Truss knows full well it is not and never has been Labour's

policy to halve the prison population. Labour's policy is to properly fund and

run our prison and probation service, make the safety of prison staff a top priority and make society safer by jailing those who are a threat to public safety. Labour will make rehabilitation work.

"Conservatives

in power have made a mess of our prison and probation service and have created

the current prisons crisis. This is dangerous for staff, dangerous for inmates

and dangerous for the public. We await with interest the Prisons and Courts Bill which will hopefully have some of the detail Liz Truss's White Paper failed to provide."

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