

Conservatives' cuts are creating a crisis in our prisons – Richard Burgon MP

Richard Burgon MP, Labour's Shadow

Secretary of State for Justice, commenting

on Ministry of Justice data which reveals a record number of assaults in prisons, said:

"Once again we see how

Conservatives' cuts are creating a crisis in our prisons. Every few months we get a new record for the number of assaults as the Government's cutting of prisons budgets and staff bites. It is scandalous that we now have an assault every

20 minutes in our prisons.

"Government policies that have led

to severe overcrowding and cutting of more than 6,000 prison officers are squarely to blame for this situation. Yet one in three prisons suffered further

cuts in officer numbers in the first six months of this year alone.

"When prisoners can't be let out

of their cells for 23 hours a day due to soaring violence and under-staffing, it makes a mockery of the Government's claims that it is turning prisons into places of education and reform."

This Tory Government is presiding over a policing system which still discriminates against black people – Diane Abbott

Diane Abbott MP, Labour's Shadow Home

Secretary, speaking in response to the release of Home office data, said:

"This serious

discrimination is widespread. It is unacceptable that the Home Office's own report states that the level of discrimination is little changed from previous

years.

“The Prime Minister says she wants to tackle burning injustices. But this Tory Government is presiding over a policing system which still discriminates against black people. Warm words are not enough. It is long past time that the government acted to address these unacceptable disparities.”

[Fall in earnings shows this Government has fundamentally failed working people – Debbie Abrahams](#)

Debbie Abrahams

MP, Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary, commenting on the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, said:

“Year after year people are worse off. Earnings have fallen again and real wages are lower than they were a decade ago.

“This Government has fundamentally failed working people with over 7 million people now living in poverty in a working household.

“It has also failed women, who are still being paid on average nearly 20% less than men.

“The next Labour Government will immediately give millions a pay rise by introducing a £10 per hour real living wage, scrapping the public sector pay cap and taking action to close the gender pay gap.”

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John

Healey MP, Labour's

Shadow Secretary of State for Housing, responding to the House of Commons' unanimous support for Labour's motion to protect supported housing, said:

"Under

pressure from Labour, Theresa May has been forced to backtrack on the Government's ill-conceived plans for supported housing.

"Now,

after unanimous House of Commons backing for Labour's motion committing to safeguard the long-term future and funding of supported housing, any new Government proposals must reflect the clearly expressed will of Parliament."

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Keir Starmer MP, Labour's Shadow

Secretary of State for Exiting the EU, responding to David Davis telling the Brexit select

committee that Parliament might not get to vote on the final Brexit deal until

after we leave the EU, said:

"David

Davis and Theresa May's comments only add to the confusion and chaos over the Government's approach to the Brexit negotiations.

"Labour

has been clear from the outset that Parliament must have the final say on the terms of Britain's exit from the European Union before March 2019.

"Ministers

must urgently clarify their comments and accept Parliament will not be side-lined."□