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Burgon MP, Labour's Shadow Justice Secretary, commenting on Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons' report on Birmingham prison which is published tomorrow, said:

"As the evidence of the Conservative-created crisis in our prisons continues to mount, the Queen's Speech shows the Government has given up trying to sort out their mess.

"The Justice Secretary must deal with the epidemic of violence, drugs, overcrowding and understaffing, which was left to fester over the election campaign. To help get a grip of the situation, Labour would recruit 3,000 prisons officers."