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Abbott MP, Labour's Shadow Home Secretary, commenting on Bernard Hogan-Howe's warning on cuts to the Met's Home Office grant, said:

"When

the most senior officer in the country warns that the Tories' cuts to the police budgets are dangerous, we should all take note. But ministers arrogantly persist in claiming to have protected spending.

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substantial reductions to police budgets since 2010 already pose a threat to public safety, now these further cuts will simply apply more pressure on an already overstretched police service.

"Labour

will be pushing ministers keep the promise they made and protect police spending."