<u>Tories fail to meet net migration</u> <u>target yet again – Diane Abbott</u>

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Abbott MP, Labour's Shadow Home Secretary, commenting on today's ONS data showing net migration is at 230,000, said:

"This

is yet another failure by the Tory government to meet its own unworkable net migration target.

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isn't a genuine policy, but allows a permanent campaign against migrants and migration.

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Tories' chaotic mishandling of the Brexit negotiations has already seen many sectors experiencing severe staff shortages, including the NHS and social care.

"It

is time to drop this meaningless target. Labour offers fair rules and reasonable management of migration. Our priorities are growth, jobs and prosperity. We make no apologies for putting these aims before bogus immigration targets."