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Labour's Shadow Home Secretary, commenting on a letter from the UK Statistics Authority to the Home Office, highlighting concerns over leaked migration figures, said:

“Under this Tory Government one of the great offices of state has been brought into disrepute.

“Whether it is letters being erroneously sent out to EU nationals in order to propagate Theresa May's risible “hostile environment”, or leaked national statistics being used to mislead the British people about the shambles that is Tory immigration policy, ministers face some serious questions.

“How can the public trust a word the Tories say on immigration when they feel the need to leak information to mask the failure of their policy?”