

Warnings on directionless and unprepared Home Office must be heeded – Abbott

Diane Abbott MP, Labour's Shadow Home Secretary, commenting on testimonies from PCS Union and the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration at the Home Affairs Select Committee, expressing concerns about the Home Office being under-prepared for Brexit, said:

"Those working on the frontline of immigration, visas and border security paint a grim picture of the current chaos at the Home Office. They say it is directionless and unprepared for the challenges of Brexit.

"Amber Rudd needs to get a grip. The Tories have axed 1,000 members of the Border Force and have added new burdens to visa and immigration staff. An efficient immigration system and secure borders can't be done on the cheap. Tory cuts have serious consequences."