

You can't have security on the cheap – Diane Abbott MP

Diane Abbott MP, Labour's Shadow

Home Secretary, commenting on Amber Rudd's speech at Tory Party conference, said:

"More laws to combat terrorism and violent crime won't be enough on their own when the Tories are cutting police numbers and cutting budgets.

"The public is rightly worried about the growing threats of terrorism and violent crime, but cutting police numbers by 20,000 is no way to tackle them.

"You can't have security on the cheap. Rising incidents and new laws both require more resources. Grandstanding speeches at Tory party conference aren't a substitute for police officers."