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Burgon MP, Labour's Shadow Justice Secretary, commenting on reports that lawyers representing the families of the victims of the Birmingham pub bombings can apply for legal aid, said:

“This is a welcome though long overdue announcement from the Government. Following the Home Secretary's unexpected refusal to fund the legal costs of the inquests, the families should not have been made to wait a further four months for this announcement. Labour has been pressing the Government to do the right thing and this development is welcome.

However, Conservative cuts to legal aid still mean that families who do receive public funding are far from on a par with the resources of public bodies. This is another reason the Government must get on with its review of legal aid cuts.”