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Diane Abbott MP, Shadow Home Secretary, responding to the release of a new Home Office document on police funding from 2015, said:

"The Home Secretary may be kidding himself with assertions of rising police funding, but he won't fool over-stretched police forces or the general public who are increasingly concerned about rising violent crime.

"The Tories have cut police funding and personnel consistently since 2010. If they don't face up to this fact, Labour in government will. We will recruit thousands of new officers to tackle rising crime."