

## [Diane Abbott response to Supreme Court's judgement on legality of minimum income threshold for UK citizens who seek to bring families here](#)

**Diane Abbott MP,**

**Labour's Shadow Home Secretary,**

following the publication of the Supreme Court's judgement on the legality of the minimum income threshold for UK citizens who seek to bring families here, said,

"The

Supreme Court accepted the legitimacy of the Government measures, but it also held that Home Office rules unlawfully fail to take account of requirements to safeguard children's welfare.

"These

rules cause hardship for thousands of families, prevent UK citizens being united with their families and clearly discriminate against women, BAME communities, and people on lower incomes.

"These

measures were drawn up as part of Theresa May's failed policy to reduce net migration. Labour opposes rules that are clearly discriminatory. We will implement a fair and balanced immigration system which does not split families apart."

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## [Debbie Abrahams comments on CAB report on workplace pension schemes](#)

**Debbie**

**Abrahams MP, Labour's Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary,** commenting on the findings of the Citizens Advice Bureau report, said:

"It

is shocking to see that hundreds of thousands of low income workers, most of whom are women, are being blocked from these workplace pension schemes by the

Tory Government.

"This month Labour demanded the Government look at how people working multiple jobs could be allowed to save. They refused."

"While the Tories abandon older people, Labour wants to ensure that everyone can have the secure, dignified retirement that they deserve."

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## **The Government needs to concentrate on increasing capacity and improving schools in the areas that need it the most – Angela Rayner**

**Angela Rayner MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Education,** commenting on an NAO report on capital funding for schools, said:

"Hundreds of secondary schools in England are already full to capacity, while thousands more are crumbling and in desperate need of repair. Yet the Tories continue to waste millions opening free schools in areas that do not need them.

"The Government needs to concentrate on increasing capacity and improving schools in the areas that need it the most."

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## **It is crucial that the criminal justice system works in the interests of all victims – Carolyn Harris**

Responding to the Victims' Commissioner's review into the treatment of child victims of sexual and violent offences, **Labour's shadow home office minister, Carolyn Harris, said:**

"It is crucial that the criminal justice system works in the interests of all victims.

"But it is clear from this review that young victims of some of the most serious offences feel they are still being let down.

"Rather than trying to downplay the findings, the Government should accept there is a problem and get on with producing the Victims' Law they promised to address it."

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## **Liz Truss is fast becoming the Secretary of State for prison escapes – Burgon**

**Richard Burgon, Labour's Shadow Justice Secretary**, commenting on the escape of a prisoner from outside Aintree University Hospital, said:

"Liz Truss is fast becoming the Secretary of State for prison escapes. Under her watch the prison system lurches from crisis to crisis and she seems to have no cure.

"Liz Truss' flagship Prisons and Courts Bill is due to this week and the pressure on her to deliver is mounting."