

‘A damning indictment’

What follows is the last in a comprehensive four-part report on the seismic effects which mass, uncontrolled immigration is having on the United Kingdom.

Reading through these reports, one could be forgiven for thinking that migration policy has been deliberately designed to create the very chaos the authorities are now desperately trying to contain.

From the ludicrous generosity of the benefits system to an infrastructure now buckling at the seams this final report exposes the dishonesty and disarray at the heart of the Home Office whose job it is to sort this crisis out.

With immigration now the public's number one concern, is it any wonder that the credibility of our parliamentary democracy now hangs by a thread? Those in charge seem utterly blind and deaf to what is happening.

We are therefore hugely indebted to Brexit Facts4EU.Org for publishing excerpts from the Independent Migration Inspector's report which reveals the shocking truth about what has really been going on.

We enclose his summary observations as well as access to the full 4-part report which can be found in the links below.

**“Chaotic”, “Inexcusably awful” – Govt’s
Independent Migration Inspector slams
Home Office and is fired**

Q: Home Secretary, what do you do if your Independent Chief Inspector on Migration condemns your Dept?

A: You bury his reports about the Home Office for months and then get him fired

This is what James Cleverly's people did in February this year – And the migration scandal continues...

The government's illegal migrant files

Part IV of a Facts4EU.Org special investigation, some of which has been exclusively covered by GB News

The scandalous illegal migrant crisis within the UK, in four shocking Facts4EU.Org summary reports

Part I – The UK's generosity to illegal migrants – what they get once they're here

Part II – We're housing almost TWICE AS MANY illegal migrants as you thought

Part III – Annual cost to taxpayer has soared by 9 TIMES in only 5 YEARS

Part IV – "Chaotic" – Government's Independent Chief Migration Inspector slams Home Office and is fired (This report)

In this explosive finale to our series of four reports on the migrant crisis, the Facts4EU.Org think-tank reveals the inadequate state of the Home Office in dealing with the mass migration problem, the Government's cover-ups, and the eventual firing by the Home Office of the man who exposed the Home Office's own failings.



Photo : James Cleverly, former Home Secretary and now candidate for Leader of the Conservative Party.

We have reviewed those of the Independent Chief Inspector's reports which have been made available and bring readers a truly eviscerating summary of the Home Office's methods and performance in monitoring, controlling, and managing mass immigration.

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Government's Independent Chief Migration Inspector made repeated and damning criticisms of the Home Office

- *"I have previously highlighted **the inexcusably awful quality of Home Office data**, which was evident again in this inspection."*
- *"**To put it bluntly, if the Home Office does not want to change, it will not.**"*
- For many months his official reports were regularly hidden from Parliament and from the public
- He was critical of the culture, leadership, senior

management, control, and effectiveness of the Dept

- After three years he was fired by people reporting to then Home Secretary (and now Tory Leadership candidate) James Cleverly
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Brigadier David Neal – What was his job and who is he?



- He defined his role as : *“To help improve the efficiency, effectiveness and consistency of the Home Office’s border and immigration functions through unfettered, impartial and evidence-based inspection.”*
 - He served for almost three years, from March 2021 until February 2024
 - He had previously been appointed by HM The Queen as the Provost Marshal (Army)
 - He commanded the 1st Military Police Brigade from 2016 until 2019
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A selection of what the Government’s Chief Independent Inspector put in writing to the Home Secretary

Official Government reports are usually anodyne in nature. Criticisms are worded in such oblique and circumspect ways as to require a degree in Civil Service ‘Mandarinese’ to decode

them.

Not so when it comes to Brigadier David Neal's reports to the Home Secretary on borders and migration. It is clear he felt that only direct language would suffice. Below we have selected only some of his written words, to give readers a flavour of the strength of his concerns about the Home Office functions he was tasked with inspecting over the three year period from March 2021 to February of this year.

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Excerpts from official reports to the Home Secretary

SMALL BOATS

"...the chaotic Home Office response to small boats in the summer of 2022 would have been exposed significantly earlier had the Home Office not sat on my small boats report from February to July 2022. I made clear to the Home Secretary and to the Immigration Minister that I thought this delay was egregious and that I expected my reports to be delivered in a timelier fashion. At the time of writing, the jury is still out."



Photo: Nigel Farage filming migrant boats in the Channel.

“The inspection found that, overall, the Home Office’s service providers were delivering accommodation that was broadly in line with the statement of requirements in their contracts, but that **the costs involved were eye-watering**, and that consultation with local authorities when opening contingency accommodation hotels had been poor, resulting in damage to a key stakeholder relationship. The inspection also found that **Home Office plans to end its reliance on hotels failed to reflect an adequate understanding of the challenge facing the department and were therefore unachievable** in their current form. I observed, as well, that quickening the pace of decision making on protection claims would be vital to reducing the pressure on the Home Office to provide asylum accommodation.”

“The inspection found that the Home Office’s performance in delivering an effective and efficient response to the increasing volume of migrant arrivals via small boats was poor, largely because the department remained on an ‘emergency’ footing, having failed to undertake the planning and investment necessary to establish appropriate facilities, and embed routine procedures, to meet the challenge. Inspectors found that the approach to **managing the risk around security checks was inconsistent**, that biometrics were not

always recorded, and that safeguarding was sacrificed at busy times to ensure that migrants were processed quickly. Of particular concern was **the very poor quality of the data collected and relied upon in the reception and processing of small boat arrivals.**"

ON HOME OFFICE GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

"I fear that some officials, left to their own devices, would be content to polish and put a positive gloss on far too much, which results in a failure to deliver real change."

"Addressing recommendations satisfactorily is a matter for the inspected body"

"It is poor governance and reflects badly on the Home Office being held to account."

"In a similar vein to a reluctance to engage with recommendations, I have also encountered instances during the drafting of inspection reports where **there has been significant pushback from the Home Office...** Some of this is perhaps down to a culture of defensiveness, but it is not good."

"I remain frustrated and disappointed over **the delays to the publishing of my reports.** Though there is a longstanding ministerial commitment that inspection reports should be published within eight weeks of submission, subject to Parliament being in session, **none of the 14 reports published in 2022-23 met the agreed deadline.**"

"The division between policy and operational delivery is a stark one in the Home Office. It is something that I am not familiar with from my military service..."

“This is not a skillset that I find in abundance in the Home Office. ...Wiring diagrams of organisations (which should expose lines of responsibility, accountability, and authority) are promised and subsequently fail to appear.”

“My assessment is that temporary appointments **at the very senior levels of the Home Office** undermine the delivery of strategic objectives and create uncertainty for the staff.”

“Nowhere is this more evident than in Border Force.... It is hamstrung by the worst aspects of the Civil Service machine while struggling to assert itself as a Law Enforcement organisation. Other European countries have much stronger models and parliamentarians should reflect on whether our country is being secured as effectively as it could be.

“A perennial theme of my inspections is **poor data**. I described it last year as **“inexcusably awful”**. It remains an accurate description in many areas of Home Office business. Without accurate data the Home Office will struggle to prioritise and respond to situations and people will suffer.”



“The Home Office is particularly poor at communication and while the theme of poor data can in part be technology dependent, better communication and engagement is completely in the gift of the Home Office to address.”

“My annual report is one of the few statutory requirements placed on me by the Borders Act. Last year’s annual report was published eight months after submission. I hope, reflecting ministerial pledges from the Home Office, this report might be published in a timelier manner. This report was sent to the Home Secretary for publication on 27 June 2023.”

– David Neal, Independent Chief Inspector, Home Office Borders and Immigration

Fact : The Government delayed publication of this latest report until 29 Feb 2024 – a delay of eight months.

Observations

Former Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Migration, Col. Neal, is an ex-military man and as such would always have been likely to present his reports in a no-nonsense way. In this, he did not disappoint. In fact he delivered clear and highly critical reports of a nature unlikely to have been seen before in Whitehall.

We read through all the reports of Col Neal’s we could find. They are thorough and they make numerous recommendations. It must have been galling for Col Neal to find that not only were his reports buried by the Home Office until they were virtually out of date, but that his recommendations were acted on only in part, and in some cases very reluctantly, it seems.

We are as certain as we can be that in his three years in the role Col Neal did everything he could, but it is equally clear to us that he was dealing with an ineffective and inefficient megaladon. For his sins he was fired.

Had he been listened to, perhaps we would not be having a

migrant crisis of the magnitude we have experienced. All we can say is that neither the government nor the Home Office can protest and say they weren't warned.

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