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**RESPONSE TO HOUSE OF COMMONS WORK AND PENSIONS COMMITTEE
REPORT – THE WORK OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION AND
EXECUTIVE**

Health and safety lawyers fully support today's recommendation by the House of Commons Work and Pensions Committee that Health and Safety Executive inspectors should be doubled.

"This move would really help to propel us into a proper safety culture in the workplace," said Colin Ettinger, president of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) who provided oral evidence to the Committee.

"It is crucial that more resources are found for HSE site inspections, as inspectors are the front line of the battle to ensure company bosses comply with the law and fulfil their health and safety responsibilities to their employees.

"We have been saying for years that breaching health and safety regulations must be taken more seriously and there has to be proper investment in inspection and enforcement if vulnerable workers are to be properly protected from employers who put profits before safety," he said.

"We have the laws we need to protect people – what we need now is a major offensive to make sure they work."

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