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## Just do it, PM

**UNCHECKED immigration means Britain is heading for a housing crisis.**

Another reason for asking David Cameron to live up to his word. After all, like mending our broken society, he's promised often enough to do something about it.

In 2007, as new Tory leader, he said: "Net immigration is too high. It is time for a fresh policy.

"Unsustainable demographic change makes it harder for young people to get on the housing ladder."

Mr Cameron also rightly condemned the pressure high immigration put on schools and hospitals.

But more than a year after he arrived at No10, net immigration is higher than ever.

The respected Migration Watch pressure group says 45 new council houses must be built every day to house the tide of migrants heading our way at a cost to taxpayers of £1billion a year.

More than 200,000 newcomers a year are expected. Social housing waiting lists are up 60 per cent.

There's no sign, either, of the Government keeping its promise to stop free mansions going to migrant families.

A Somali refugee family have just got a £2million London pad costing taxpayers £8,000 a month.

Of course our economy needs skilled migrants. But we can't be open house to the world.

Without controls, public services like housing are being swamped.

**Reducing immigration was a key Tory election pledge. Britain looks to Mr Cameron to keep it.**

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**FORTY-five council homes a DAY will have to be built to house the tidal wave of immigrants, a shock report reveals.**

This means 415,000 extra homes will be needed over the next 25 years – at a cost to taxpayers of £1billion a year.

The findings in the report by pressure group Migration Watch UK are a startling illustration of the immigration timebomb.

The building rate will be the only way to keep families off the streets – unless the current influx of 200,000 a year is stemmed.

Waiting lists for social housing in England have mushroomed by 60 per cent over the past eight years, largely due to immigration.

The report claimed just 17 per cent of people born in the UK live in properties owned by local authorities or housing associations.

# MIGRANTS NEED 415k NEW COUNCIL HOMES

## That's 45 every day

That compares with 80 per cent of migrants from Somalia and 49 per cent of those from Turkey.

Migration Watch UK accused politicians of covering up the problem. Chairman Sir Andrew Green said: "Either the Government must

cut immigration very substantially as they've promised or they must invest very large sums in the construction of extra social housing."

The crisis has been worsened by the Labour government's failure to replace council houses that

have been sold off. That slashed the number of homes available to the needy by almost 500,000 between 1997 and 2007.

The two worst affected regions are both immigration hotspots.







In London, 12 per cent of all families were on housing waiting lists in 2010, and in Yorkshire and Humberside the figure was 11 per cent.

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### HOW SOCIAL HOUSING COMPARES

This is the percentage of each nationality living in properties owned by local authorities or housing associations.

	British.....	17%
	Nigerian.....	29%
	Iranian.....	33%
	Jamaican.....	35%
	Turkish.....	49%
	Somalian.....	80%