Potential strike action in two long-running disputes

Ireland

Public service unions may be involved in new industrial action in two long-running disputes unless the government intervenes. The Forsa trade union has already set dates for strike action to try to resolve the two-tier pay system affecting school secretaries. Following the announcement of the action the government has made a commitment to address the problem but the union wants to see concrete proposals before it calls off the action. Meanwhile, Forsa is joined by SIPTU and INMO in considering a campaign of targeted action across non-profit providers of health and social services - Section 39 organisations. An agreement last year secured pay rises for workers in these bodies in a process to restore pay after the cuts imposed during austerity. Some of these organisations are now saying they don't have the funds to implement the increases and the unions want the government to step in.

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