

Public service union leaders meeting finance minister over pay

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Public service unions are maintaining a common front over pay this year and earlier this month eight senior union officials along with the TUC confederation general secretary Brendan Barber met Alistair Darling, finance minister (chancellor) of the Labour government. The unions argue that their members won't accept an imposed 2% ceiling on pay increases. They did say that they would be willing to consider longer term deals as long as public sector employers and the government were willing to discuss issues about pay structures and how to tackle low pay.

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