

## **Union aims for 5% package of pay increases and other improvements**

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Ver.di's local and federal government collective bargaining committee met on 15 December to confirm its claim in the lead up to negotiations that begin on 13 February. Ver.di will be negotiating with the police (GdP), teachers (GEW) and civil service union (dbb tarifunion) on behalf of nearly two million workers in local and federal government. The main demand will be for a real increase in pay plus a number of other measures including provision of shorter working hours for older workers to create more jobs for younger workers and commitments to take on more apprentices. There will also be demands relevant to particular groups of workers such as better on-call and overtime payments for hospital employees. The Hans Böckler research institute has issued a report noting that pay increases in the public services have amounted to around 17% since 2000, below the 21.4% increase recorded across the economy as a whole.

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