## Pension talks to resume after government intervention

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After a major lobby of MPs at the end of November, planned talks between local government unions and employers were interrupted by the sudden announcement of planned changes to the local government pension scheme by the government. Both employers and unions attacked local government minister Phil Woolas for his untimely and unforeseen intervention. In the end the government decided to delay publishing its proposals for two weeks and confirmed that a full period of consultation would be

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