

## **ver.di attacks 41-hour week for federal civil servants**

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Frank Bsirske, chair of the ver.di services union, has attacked government plans to increase weekly hours for 300,000 federal civil servants to 41 a week and to cut special payments. This follows only shortly after the new agreement for federal employees came into effect with a 39-hour week and retention of some special payments. From verdi's viewpoint the negotiations were on the basis that the conditions would also apply to civil servants who don't have the right to collective bargaining.

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