

Green Party calls for immediate lifting of public sector pay cap



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***Co-leader Jonathan Bartley: "Private companies are having a banquet organised by the Government while public sector workers aren't even getting the crumbs from the table"**

The Green Party has called on the Government to immediately lift the public sector pay cap after a damning report revealed the scale of the impact on workers [1].

Jonathan Bartley, Green Party co-leader, said:

"What will it take for Theresa May and Philip Hammond to listen? The staff on the frontline in our most important jobs – including the emergency services they have been so ready to praise in the last few months – and even their own party colleagues have urged them to see sense.

"Enough is enough and it's time for the Government to shift its priorities away from cutting taxes for those who don't need it and start paying public sector workers fairly, many of whom are struggling just to make ends meet.

"The Prime Minister's attempt to sneak out this report is the latest indication that she knows this unpopular policy is nearing the end of its shelf life. Planned tax cuts for corporations should be scrapped immediately. Private companies are having a banquet organised by the Government while public sector workers aren't even getting the crumbs from the table. Let's give our teachers, doctors, firefighters and police the pay rises they deserve."

Notes:

1. <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/jul/03/damning-government-report-shows-scale-of-public-sector-pay-cuts>

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