The Government's divide and rule tactics on public sector pay must end — Peter Dowd

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Dowd MP, Labour's Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, responding to reports that the Treasury sought to conceal pay statistics, said:

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Conservative Government's divide and rule tactics must end."

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Hammond has sought to pit private sector workers against public sector workers,

to justify a pay cap which has seen real wages slashed in our public services.

"The

figures revealed by the GMB today show that last year public sector wages were

below the private sector, despite Hammond continuing to publicly demonise our public servants.

"Hammond's

subterfuge on public sector pay cannot be allowed to continue. Labour is committed to seeing parliament and the hard working public sector workers receive the answers they deserve around this Tory stitch-up."