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"We'll fight these proposals tooth and nail" - PCS responds to reports of 70,000 civil service job cuts

Fran Heathcote says members must not pay for a rise in defence spending with their jobs

Responding to reports of 70,000 civil service job cuts, Public and Commercial Services (PCS) union general secretary Fran Heathcote said:

"Yet again ministers shamefully see fit to scapegoat their own workforce.

"It's not right for our members to pay for a rise in defence spending with their jobs, so we'll fight these proposals ...We shall fight these proposals tooth and nail, just as we fought them under Boris Johnson.

"Our members work hard every day providing essential services to keep this country running and should be rewarded with a fair pay rise, not their jobs sacrificed as a pre-election gimmick.

"Cuts have consequences. Waiting lists for new passports, driving tests, driving licences and queues at airports and ports will get longer, telephone wait times for those with tax enquiries will go up.

"We need more civil servants, not less."

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