

'This can't go on', says civil service union as staff walk out

A senior figure in the union representing civil servants has said "this can't go on", as staff walked out in their campaign for a pay rise.

More than 130,000 members of the Public and Commercial Services (PCS) union are on strike across the UK on Wednesday, with thousands expected to take part in a rally in Edinburgh.

The strike has scaled back the business of the [Scottish Parliament](#) and closed the public gallery.

Speaking ahead of the rally, PCS Scotland industrial officer Joy Dunn said: "PCS members serve the public in [Government](#) departments across the four nations of the UK.

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"They play important roles in delivering essential public services and are unwilling to put up with any further erosion of their pay at a time when the workload is increasing and

travel, energy and food costs are all increasing.

“This cannot go on; our members need a pay rise and to be treated fairly by employers.

“We have made it clear that we want to settle these disputes and sit down and negotiate a fair settlement with them.

“But if those meaningful talks do not take place, our members are resolute and will escalate their action if employers leave them with no other choice.”