

Dear Members,

In the latest development in the ongoing FE pay dispute, Scottish Secretary Lilian Macer has requested an urgent meeting with the First Minister, Humza Yousaf in a bid to secure jobs and resolve this dispute before further strike action takes place. This is shown [here](#)

Talks on job security and resolving the dispute have again progressed over the last seven days and will resume again in person on Thursday. We are now clearer than ever about the threat of redundancies and are working very hard nationally and locally to ensure there is protection for staff while this threat remains.

We are as frustrated as everyone else at the glacial pace of these talks and have urged the employers strongly to move talks forward and re-prioritise to do so.

Members will be kept updated as the picture develops. We are hopeful that strike action will not be necessary but must plan for all eventualities and an announcement will be made shortly on dates in May.

In solidarity,

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