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## Trade Union Rich List

Public sector unions are preparing for major strikes in opposition to cuts in public spending, a public sector pay freeze and changes in pension conditions.

This new research note shows that many trade union leaders are receiving six-figure remuneration packages:

- **37 trade union general secretaries and chief executives** received remuneration of **more than £100,000 in 2009-10**.
- This includes many of the big public sector unions that are launching strikes or have threatened to do so recently:

Name	Union	Total Remuneration, 09-10
Derek Simpson	Unite	£186,626
Dave Prentis	Unison	£130,109
Matt Wrack	Fire Brigades Union	£117,230
Bob Crow	RMT	£113,011
Mark Serwotka	PCSU	£112,634

- The total pay of the general secretaries and chief executives earning over £100,000 was over **£4.6 million in 2009-10**, that was **up 5.4 per cent** from under £4.4 million in 2008-09 for the leaders of the same unions.

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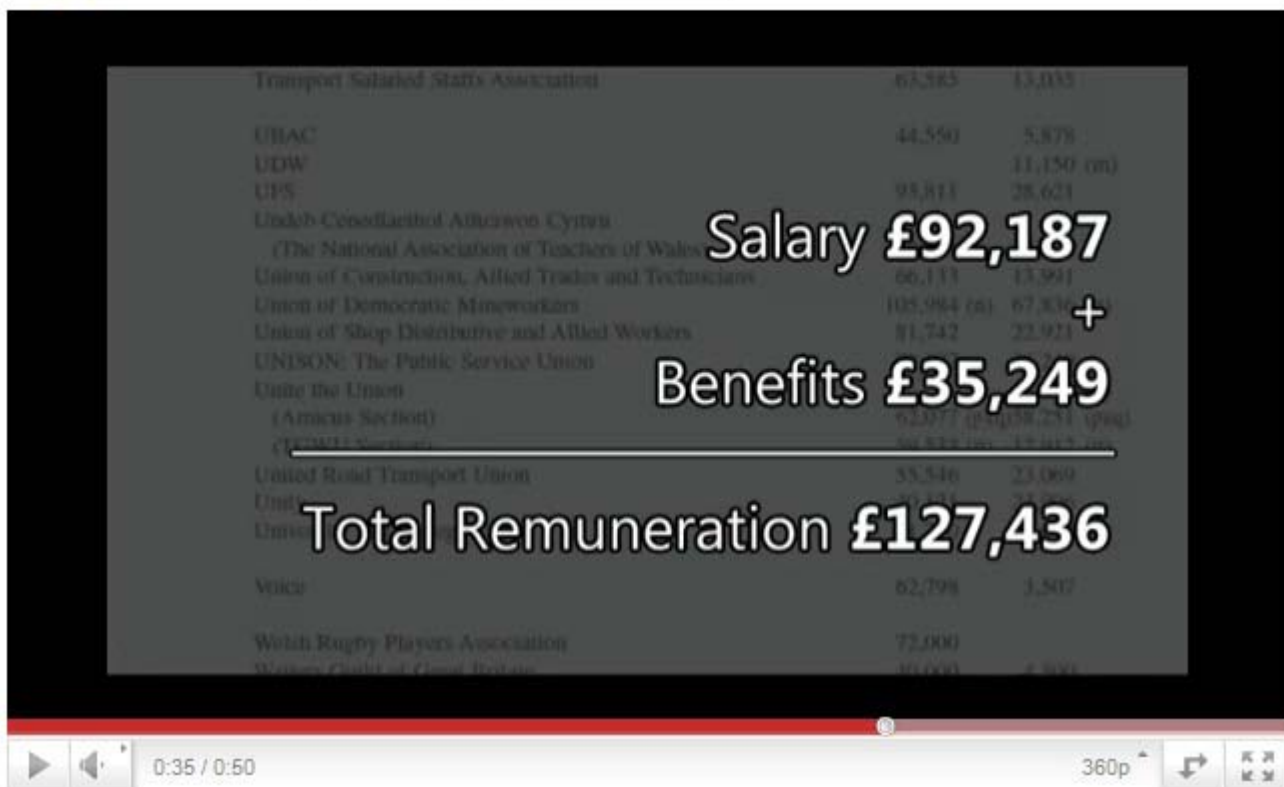
On 26 March 2010, in a discussion on the BBC Daily Politics show, TPA Research Director Matthew Sinclair cited the same figure included in the last Trade Union Rich List, £127,000, as the remuneration of Unison General Secretary Dave Prentis. He claimed to earn “nowhere near” that figure. The TPA produced a video rebutting his claim and showing that the figure was sourced from the Annual Report of the Certification Officer,<sup>1</sup> who is responsible for maintaining a list of trade unions and ensuring that they comply with statutory requirements.

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Unions receive substantial subsidies at taxpayers' expense. In 2009-10 they received £18.3 million in direct payments from public sector organisations and £67.5 million in staff time, with 2,493 full time equivalent public sector employees working for trade unions.<sup>2</sup> That could indirectly support executive pay.

<sup>1</sup> The video can be viewed here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRlrfOCt8To>

<sup>2</sup> Full details are available here: <http://www.taxpayersalliance.com/unionfunding.pdf>



## Remuneration for Trade Union General Secretaries and Chief Executives

Remuneration statistics are taken from the 2009-10 Annual Report of the Certification Officer.

	Trade Union	Name	Salary £	Benefits £	Total £	Notes
1	Unite the Union	Derek Simpson	97,027	89,599	186,626	Unite the Union has Joint General Secretaries
2	Royal College of Midwives	Cathy Warwick	129,663	41,691	171,354	Total paid in respect of two people holding office of general secretary within the period and is not the sum paid to one individual. The General Secretary's salary and benefits are associated with all aspects of the College and not just the trade union.
3	Union of Democratic Mineworkers	Mick Stevens	95,285	67,564	162,849	£83,429 of salary and £67,564 of benefits is paid in respect of the position of the President of the Nottingham Section of the UDM
4	British Dental Association	Peter Ward	127,827	31,679	159,506	Chief Executive
5	UBAC	David Matthews	140,852	2,927	143,779	£127,992 of salary is redundancy pay. Payment made for a period of more than 12 months
6	Royal College of Nursing in the United Kingdom	Peter Carter	137,267	-	137,267	Includes payments made in respect of the General Secretary's role in the associated charitable trust. This figure includes an amount of £4,989 awarded as back pay which relates to prior years.
7	National Union of Teachers	Christine Blower	111,431	22,440	133,871	Total paid in respect of two people holding office of general and is not the sum paid to one individual secretary within the period
8	British Air Line Pilots Association	Jim McAuslan	109,007	22,093	131,100	

	Trade Union	Name	Salary £	Benefits £	Total £	Notes
9	Association of Teachers and Lecturers	Mary Bousted	105,198	25,551	130,749	
10	UNISON: The Public Service Union	Dave Prentis	94,953	35,156	130,109	
11	Society of Authors Limited	Mark Le Fanu	89,050	40,190	129,240	
12	National Association of Head Teachers	Mick Brookes	102,967	26,103	129,070	
13	Nationwide Group Staff Union	Tim Poil	100,008	26,075	126,083	
14	POA	Brian Caton	64,939	60,218	125,157	
15	Lloyds TSB Group Union	Ian Partridge	92,000	32,735	124,735	
16	Unite the Union	Tony Woodley	93,815	28,293	122,108	Unite the Union has Joint General Secretaries
17	National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers	Chris Keates	94,059	25,925	119,984	
18	Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen	Keith Norman	73,907	45,037	118,944	
19	Association of School and College Leaders	John Dunford	103,891	14,649	118,540	
20	Accord	Ged Nichols	104,965	13,164	118,129	£10,491 of salary is a bonus payment
21	Prospect	Paul Noon	98,910	18,873	117,783	
22	FDA	Jonathan Baume	86,709	30,782	117,491	
23	Fire Brigades Union	Matt Wrack	68,054	49,176	117,230	



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24	Trades Union Congress	Brendan Barber	93,000	24,000	117,000	
25	UFS	Alan Wood	88,000	28,307	116,307	
26	Community	Michael Leahy	86,072	29,923	115,995	
27	University and College Union	Sally Hunt	97,592	15,827	113,419	
28	International Transport Workers Federation	David Cockroft	97,282	15,880	113,162	
29	Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers	John Hannett	85,812	27,344	113,156	
30	National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers	Bob Crow	84,923	28,088	113,011	
31	Public and Commercial Services Union	Mark Sewotka	85,421	27,213	112,634	
32	GMB	Paul Kenny	84,000	28,000	112,000	
33	Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference	Geoff Lucas	109,398	936	110,334	
34	Chartered Society of Physiotherapy	Phil Gray	87,478	21,869	109,347	Chief Executive
35	National Federation of Sub-Postmasters	George Thomson	96,784	8,641	105,425	Amount in 2008-09 paid to two members of staff.
36	Welsh Rugby Players Association	Dean Sheehan	103,000	-	103,000	Dean Sheehan started November 2009
37	Musicians Union	John Smith	80,116	22,123	102,239	