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On the 4th Dec 2017, MPs debated public sector day – and that’s was down to the efforts of UNISON members across the country. Almost 150,000 UNISON members have signed our parliamentary petition calling on the government to put Pay up Now! – leading to the debate.

The 4th December provided an opportunity for MPs of all parties to stand up for public servants and public services in their communities, and ensure that those who work so hard for all of us get the pay rises they need and deserve.
The ‘links’ below will provide you with the findings of the debate on the 4th Dec.

Parliament debated the petition you signed – “Pay up Now! – Scrap the pay cap and give public servants a meaningful pay rise”

Watch the debate: http://www.parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/3665b48b-f2f5-413d-a9c0-d28b9129ac7e

Read the transcript: https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2017-12-04/debates/B20D70FA-4B48-4680-B680-0528E9B42474/PublicSectorPay

Read the research: https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-8037

The petition: https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/200032
Members, tax cuts for bankers but no cash for some of our most vulnerable children? That's what the Tories' budget prioritised despite desperate warnings from charities. But together, we're about to do something about it.

11th December, in Parliament, we're demanding the Tories stop these cuts. I will be proposing changes to their Finance Bill in order to stop tax giveaways to bankers and will be calling for that money to be used to fund our vital children's services like foster care, adoption and Sure Start centres instead.

Together, let's call on Philip Hammond to accept these changes in an urgent public letter — and if thousands of you sign it and share it online too we can change this bill.


It's an absolute tragedy that despite over 70,000 vulnerable children in care last year this Government has done nothing to protect them.

John McDonnell
Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer