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NIPSA SLAMS CBI CALL FOR PAY FREEZES AND JOB CUTS

NIPSA Northern Ireland's largest public sector union today criticised the calls from the employers organisation the CBI for pay freezes, job cuts and further privatisation of public services in Northern Ireland.

Brian Campfield NIPSA General Secretary commenting on the CBI report stated:-

“The CBI represents the employers and their primary objective is to maximise profits for owners and shareholders. Their interest in public services is incidental to sustaining the profitability of the private companies and it is no surprise that they are calling for greater privatisation, public sector job losses, cuts to public sector pensions and for the introduction of pay freezes.

This is nothing new as the CBI has always called for reductions in public spending and for the opening of public services to privatisation. They are prepared to defend public spending on capital projects because it benefits its members but are less concerned about the erosion of public services to the people of Northern Ireland.

The CBI could serve the people of Northern Ireland if it called upon its member organisations to eschew the range of tax avoidance loopholes and pay their fair share of tax, just as PAYE workers have to do so, including ordinary private sector workers.”

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