Driving examiners announce tenday strike

More than 1,600 PCS members to take rolling action across England, Scotland and Wales

PCS members working as driving examiners have announced ten days' strike action across England, Scotland and Wales.

More than 1,600 staff employed by the Driving and Vehicle Standards Agency will take rolling action from March 6 to 28.

The strike, the latest escalation of the <u>union's national campaign over pay,</u> <u>pensions, redundancy terms and job security</u>, comes after <u>similar action by</u> <u>driving examiners at the turn of the year</u> which caused significant disruption and cost an estimated £2.8m in lost driving test revenue.

PCS general secretary Mark Serwotka said: "The government must put forward concrete proposals to resolve this dispute. The more ministers choose to ignore members' concerns over low pay, the more angry our members become.

"Our members cannot choose to ignore the cost-of-living crisis. Ministers can choose to resolve this dispute by putting money on the table."

This week PCS members are on strike at the <u>Animal and Plant Health Agency in</u>
<u>Bristol and Carlisle</u>, <u>DVLA in Swansea and Birmingham</u> and at the <u>DWP in</u>
<u>Liverpool and Toxteth</u>.

It follow this weekend's action by Border Force officials in Dover, Calais, Coquelles and Dunkirk that caused six-hour delays for travellers.

Workers at the <u>Land Registry next week</u> (February 27) begin a five-day strike, and on March 15 100,000 civil servants will take strike action.