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House of Commons security guards to be balloted for strike action

The members have been told they must work extra night shifts to cover for a lack of staff.

PCS is balloting more than 250 members employed as security guards across the entire Palace of Westminster estate for strike action.

Members are angry and stressed after being told to work extra night shifts to cover for a lack of staff and feel they are being made to pay the price for management's failure to adequately retain and recruit staff.

PCS has asked management to withdraw the new roster, give members a proper work/life balance and recruit sufficient staff to cover all vacancies.

In a ballot that runs between **September 25** and **October 9**, we are asking members if they are prepared to take strike action to force the employer to listen.

A strike would be a powerful reminder of the importance of our members to the everyday running of the Palace of Westminster estate.

Any strike action would result in restricted access to the Houses of Parliament, resulting in long queues for MPs, staff and visitors.

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