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The Pensions Regulator workers back on strike as ACAS talks fail

PCS members angry after bosses refused to use the organisation's £1.5m bonus pot to give all staff a decent pay rise.

Staff working at The Pensions Regulator today went back on strike after bosses refused to use the organisation's £1.5m bonus pot to give all staff a decent pay rise.

The more than 300 Public and Commercial Services (PCS) union members are taking action after turning down a 3% pay rise at a time when inflation is 6.7%.

Workers in all other civil service departments have been paid at least a 4.5% rise.

A bid to resolve the long-running dispute failed this morning after talks at ACAS broke down.

PCS general secretary Mark Serwotka said: "We went into the ACAS talks in good faith looking to persuade TPR to pay some of their enormous bonus pot to pay our members the same as everyone else.

"We know managers have sufficient money to pay all staff. That they chose not to serves only to infuriate our members, who want to know why they're not deemed worthy of the same pay rise as other government departments."

The strike takes place today, tomorrow, Tuesday and Wednesday next week and for two weeks from October 23.

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