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House of Commons security guards strike dates announced

PCS members being forced to work extra night shifts are to strike for 2 days having voted overwhelmingly for strike action after being told to work extra night shifts to cover for a lack of staff.

The more than 250 PCS members, who work across the Palace of Westminster, will strike from 7pm on 31 October to 7pm on 1 November and from 7pm on 6 November to 7pm on 7 November.

Additionally, there will be an overtime ban beginning on 28 October and taking place every Monday and Wednesday, with two additional days of Sunday 5 and Tuesday 7 November.

These dates are built around the potential start date of the imposed roster on 1 November and the state opening of parliament.

PCS continues to meet management to seek a satisfactory resolution of the trade dispute. Management is under no illusion about the strength of feeling among members and the overwhelming endorsement for action that members have given to their reps and negotiators. PCS believes it is impossible to reach a conclusion of the outstanding issues before 1 November and has called upon management to significantly delay the start date of the new roster to allow for further discussions and changes to be incorporated into any proposals.

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