PCS responds to Chancellor's "immoral" civil service comments

Jeremy Hunt told journalists he wanted the number of civil service jobs return to pre-pandemic levels

Commenting on the Chancellor of Exchequer's comments on plotting a war on "immoral" Whitehall waste by slashing one in seven civil service jobs, PCS general secretary Fran Heathcote said: "I will not take lessons in morality from a Chancellor who thinks it's acceptable for tens of thousands of our hard-working members to lose their jobs in an attempt to win some votes.

"He says public sector waste is immoral because it's taking money out of taxpayers' pockets. Does he not realise the civil servants he wants to see lose their jobs are taxpayers too?

"Taxpayers demand, and deserve, the best civil service they can get, and that's achieved by providing adequate resources to fund the system and pay civil servants a fair wage for the invaluable work they do."

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