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G4S and DBT facing strike ballot

PCS members working on the G4S security contract at 2 government departments will be balloted next week for strike action in a dispute over low pay.

The ballot will run from 23 September until 7 October, and will include the G4S security members at Old Admiralty and 10 Victoria Street in London, home to several major government departments. These include the Department for Business and Trade (DBT), and the Department for Science Innovation and Technology (DSIT).

We issued the ballot notice today after G4S failed, despite repeated attempts, to respond to our members' claim for improvements to their pay and terms and conditions to bring them closer to the terms and conditions of the civil servants where they work.

They are also calling for funding from their employer for Security Industry Authority licences, required to undertake the key duties and functions of their roles.

This ballot comes on the back of increasing strike action by our G4S members across DWP offices.

The Department for Business and Trade, whose secretary of state Jonathan Reynolds is responsible for the flagship employment rights bill, is now facing possible strikes should members vote for industrial action.

Our members are clear – they will not be treated as second-class workers and ignored and PCS will be demanding that the UK Government deliver on their commitment to “bring about the biggest wave of insourcing in a generation”.