

PRESS RELEASE

30/08/07: Alan Gordon, Vice Chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales said:

“Yet again this government’s attitude towards public sector pay has left another group of workers with no alternative but to take industrial action to demonstrate their frustration over the government’s inadequate pay rises. This is the result of the government’s wish to force through settlements rather than wishing to negotiate solutions.

“The Police Federation empathises wholeheartedly with the Prison Officers Association, as indeed will most police officers up and down the country.

“However, the irony will not be lost on those officers when, yet again they will be expected to deal with the problems that will arise in the prisons as a result of this industrial action at a time when those very officers themselves are denied a fair pay rise due to government intervention, but are prevented by criminal law to take similar industrial action”