

# Branch Briefing

## REVENUE & CUSTOMS GROUP

To: **All PCS Branch Secretaries**

cc: **Branch Chairs, Branch Organisers, Group Executive Committee, Equality Chairs, VOAC** (for information)

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## **NATIONAL PAY AND PENSIONS CAMPAIGN**

### **Zoom Meetings for Branch Activists**

- *Zoom meetings arranged for HMRC activists for 10/11 February 2022*

#### **Activists' meetings**

PCS Revenue and Customs Group are arranging two Zoom meetings, to allow PCS activists within HMRC to be updated on the union's national pay and pensions campaign.

Although this June will see the beginning of the final year of HMRC's three-year pay deal, and although our increases have been above those seen across the rest of Whitehall, the current cost of living is outstripping even our pay award for 2022/23; and that's without the planned increase in National Insurance contributions set for April and the widely anticipated hike in energy prices set for the same month. Additionally, the current deal comes on the back of a decade of real-term pay-cuts and there is no guarantee of any further increases after this deal expires.

All-in-all, it makes perfect sense for HMRC members to send the strongest possible signal to the government.

#### **Activists' meeting dates**

The planned activists' meetings will be chaired by Group President Lorna Merry and Deputy Group President Hector Wesley; supported by the Group lead on Pay, Marianne Owens, and Group Organiser Tracy Boyce.

You can access the meetings as follows:

- **10 February 2022 at 5:30PM-6:30PM** <https://pcs.zoom.us/j/93524254988>
- **11 February 2022 at 1:00PM-2:00PM** <https://pcs.zoom.us/j/98780890235>

The law prevents facility time being granted for these meetings, and so the meetings will be in activists' own time. We'll obviously make every effort to keep to time for this reason.

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