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Update: Trade Union Rich List 2011

In June the TaxPayers' Alliance published the 2011 Trade Union Rich List. It detailed the highest paid union bosses in 2009-10. This note reveals brand new figures, showing pay and benefits from 2010-11.

These union bosses, many receiving six-figure remuneration packages, are currently meeting at the Trades Union Congress to plan and discuss major strikes in opposition to necessary cuts in public spending and changes to public sector pensions.

The key findings of this research note are:

- **38 trade union general secretaries and chief executives** received remuneration of **more than £100,000 in 2010-11**. This is one more than in 2009-10.
- This includes many of the big public sector unions that are launching strikes or have threatened to do so recently:

Name	Union	Total Remuneration, 10-11
Derek Simpson	Unite the Union	£510,659
Dave Prentis	Unison	£131,496
Bob Crow	RMT	£123,833
Matt Wrack	Fire Brigades Union	£120,174
Christine Blower	NUT	£116,836
Mark Serwotka	PCSU	£113,354

- The total pay of the general secretaries and chief executives earning over £100,000 was nearly **£5.2 million in 2010-11**.
- Former joint General Secretary of Unite Derek Simpson received over £500,000, including severance pay of £310,000.

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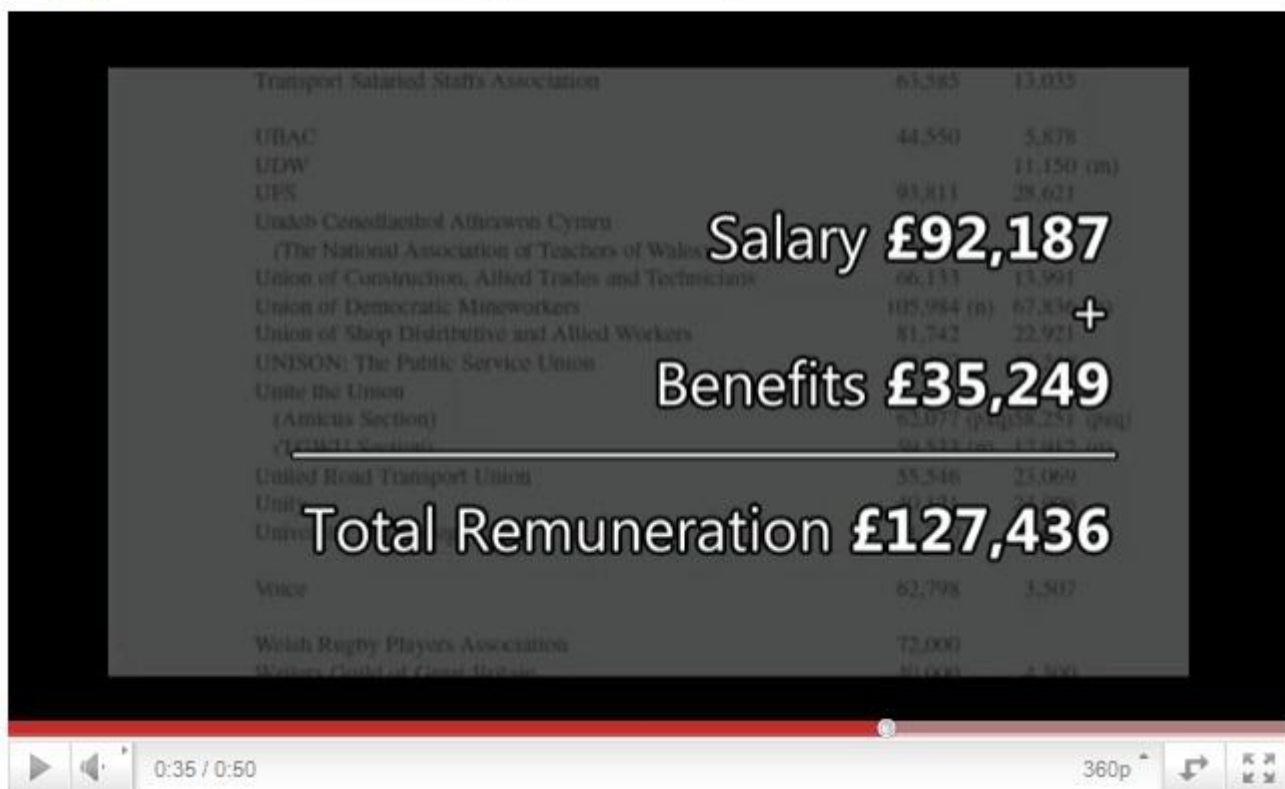
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Background

On 26 March 2010, in a discussion on the BBC Daily Politics show, TPA Director Matthew Sinclair cited the figure included in the 2010 Trade Union Rich List, £127,000, as the remuneration of Unison General Secretary Dave Prentis. He claimed to earn “nowhere near” that figure. The TPA produced a video rebutting his claim and showing that the figure was sourced from the Annual Report of the Certification Officer,¹ who is responsible for maintaining a list of trade unions and ensuring that they comply with statutory requirements.

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Unions receive substantial subsidies at taxpayers' expense. In 2009-10 they received £18.3 million in direct payments from public sector organisations and £67.5 million in staff time, with 2,493 full time equivalent public sector employees working for trade unions.² That could indirectly support executive pay.

¹ The video can be viewed here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRlrfOCT8To>

² Full details are available here: <http://www.taxpayersalliance.com/unionfunding.pdf>

Remuneration in 2010-11 for Trade Union General Secretaries and Chief Executives

Remuneration statistics are taken from the 2010-11 Annual Report of the Certification Officer unless otherwise stated in the notes

	Union	Name	Salary (£)	Benefits (£)	Total (£)	Notes
1	Unite the Union	Derek Simpson	97,677	412,982	510,659	This data was obtained from Unite's Annual returns to the Certification Officer, and includes severance pay of £361,347
2	Royal College of Midwives	Cathy Warwick	144,367	33,204	177,571	This data was obtained from the Royal College of Midwives' Annual returns to the Certification Officer. The union changed their year-end date for filing their returns, so therefore could not be included in the Annual Report
3	Royal College of Nursing in the United Kingdom	Peter Carter	150,048	0	150,048	Includes payments made in respect of the General Secretary's role as Chief Executive of the RCN Charter Body and the two charities
4	British Medical Association	Dr Hamish Meldrum	0	145,140	145,140	Honorarium and pension allowance, including prior-year allowance
5	Union of Democratic Mineworkers	N/A	94,810	41,097	135,907	Total paid in respect of two people holding office of general secretary within the period and is not the sum paid to one individual; £82,954 of salary and £41,097 of benefits is paid in respect of the position of the President of the Nottingham Section of the UDM
6	Association of Teachers and Lecturers	Mary Bousted	108,300	27,096	135,396	
7	Society of Authors Limited	Mark Le Fanu	90,800	44,447	135,247	
8	Nationwide Group Staff Union	Tim Poil	105,012	27,205	132,217	

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9	UNISON: The Public Service Union	Dave Prentis	97,327	34,169	131,496	The union's contribution to the pension is set at 25 per cent and includes 7.1 per cent to cover the current deficit of the scheme
10	National Association of Head Teachers	N/A	105,490	25,228	130,718	Russell Hobby took over as General Secretary in September 2010 from Mick Brookes
11	POA	Steve Gillan	66,953	62,131	129,084	
12	British Air Line Pilots Association	Jim McAuslan	109,755	17,889	127,644	
13	Association of School and College Leaders	N/A	108,016	18,419	126,435	Brian Lightman took over as General Secretary in September 2010 from John Dunford
14	Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference	Geoff Lucas	125,000	814	125,814	
15	National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers	Chris Keates	96,316	28,720	125,036	
16	British Dental Association	N/A	104,598	20,352	124,950	Total paid in respect of two people holding office of general secretary within the period and is not the sum paid to one individual
17	Lloyds Trade Union	Mark Brown	98,500	26,222	124,722	
18	National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers	Bob Crow	94,747	29,086	123,833	
19	Unite the Union	Tony Woodley	96,149	27,605	123,754	
20	FDA	Jonathan Baume	89,796	31,878	121,674	
21	Prospect	Paul Noon	101,976	19,357	121,333	
22	International Transport Workers Federation	David Cockroft	101,180	19,639	120,819	

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23	Fire Brigades Union	Matt Wrack	69,340	50,834	120,174	
24	Trades Union Congress	Brendan Barber	95,720	24,434	120,154	
25	Educational Institute of Scotland	Ronald Smith	91,585	27,964	119,549	
26	Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen	Keith Norman	75,881	42,571	118,452	
27	Chartered Society of Physiotherapy	Phil Gray	94,388	23,597	117,985	
28	Community	Michael Leahy	87,394	30,414	117,808	
29	Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers	John Hannett	87,715	29,292	117,007	
30	National Union of Teachers	Christine Blower	94,374	22,462	116,836	
31	UFS	Alan Wood	88,221	27,925	116,146	
32	University and College Union	Sally Hunt	98,238	17,719	115,957	
33	GMB	Paul Kenny	87,000	27,000	114,000	
34	Public and Commercial Services Union	Mark Serwotka	86,244	27,110	113,354	
35	Musicians Union	John Smith	89,536	22,264	111,800	
36	Accord	Ged Nichols	108,085	221	108,306	
37	National Association of Co-operatives Officials	Neil Buist	87,276	18,634	105,910	
38	Nautilus UK	N/A	86,031	16,280	102,311	Total paid in respect of two people holding office of general secretary within the period and is not the sum paid to one individual