



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **UNION HITS OUT AT COMPREHENSIVE SPENDING REVIEW**

The North's biggest general trade union, the GMB, today responded to the Coalition Government's comprehensive spending review announcements, by attacking the public spending cuts being announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne.

The GMB believes that the public spending cuts will be the worst in living memory and far worse than those in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

Tom Brennan, GMB Northern Regional Secretary said:

"This Tory/Lib Dem Coalition Government is cutting jobs and services to the bone and indeed beyond. GMB members, their families and communities are all at risk by decisions taken by a Government that has no mandate".

The GMB also believes that the outcome of the May 2010 General Election was that no Party won the election; indeed the GMB believes that the Liberal Democrats who fought an election on a different platform are supporting right wing Tory spending cuts.

Mr. Brennan said:

"All GMB members and their families will want to know why Liberal Democrats betrayed their principles for power. Our members will now know that wherever there is an election, if people vote Tory they get Lib Dems and indeed vice versa. The GMB will strain every sinew and deploy our considerable efforts to fight these cuts and the people who make them".

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