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EIS standing in way of 9% pay rise

Commenting on the agreement of the EIS to the employers' offer of seeking the services of ACAS in the current industrial dispute, a spokesperson for the Colleges Scotland Employers' Association said:

"We are pleased that the EIS has accepted the employers' offer to enlist the services of ACAS, and to enter conciliation to help resolve the current dispute.

"The EIS needs to show a willingness to compromise. They are striking to get more money for less work, when the deal put on the table by employers is not only fair but beneficial as it equates to an average pay rise of 9% for lecturers over the next two years.

"The only thing standing between lecturers and an average pay rise of 9%, is the EIS's insistence on 66 days holiday and a teaching working week of just 21 hours. The employers have already agreed the pay rise and proposed a generous package that would provide 56 days holiday and a teaching working week of up to 26 hours, which members of the public will regard as a very good deal indeed.

"In the end, the EIS are calling a strike because they want more holidays and fewer working hours, and that is simply not realistic."

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