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Press Statement

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AGSI DEPLORES TALKS COLLAPSE

The Association of Garda Sergeants and Inspectors (AGSI) deplores the Government's decision to collapse the pay talks with the social partners.

“This is a deplorable decision. AGSI was engaged in extremely tough and demanding talks on our sectoral agreement and we felt that a full agreement was possible. It now seems that the Government was not serious about the discussions and has been negotiating in bad faith,” said Deputy General Secretary John Redmond.

The association has written recently to the Department of An Taoiseach pointing out the unfairness of their exclusion from the central pay talks, where decisions on garda pay would be made.

“We are now extremely fearful that unjust decisions will be made in the budget. They will be made without consent and that they will be unfair. This is an intolerable situation,” he concluded.

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