



NEWSBRIEF

For GMB Members in
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NATIONAL PAY CLAIM

A message for all GMB members in ASDA Distribution

Dear Colleagues

We have now submitted the national pay claim on behalf of our members. Following recent discussions with the company we anticipate a positive response from ASDA.

Your national shop stewards are keen to try and secure significant increases in pay through these negotiations. Our approach is a mature one, in that we know, that in trying to deliver a step change in pay this will mean difficult discussions about improving business performance. Again the feedback from the company seems to be that they are keen to try and find common ground on an agenda which could deliver both for our membership as well as the business.

Members should be under no illusions that this is going to be a very tough challenge. If we are to make progress it will take time. We are all going to have to demonstrate patience in the coming months as we move any negotiations forward. **There are no promises, other than that the national shop stewards will do all they can to try and get the best deal possible for members.**

An extraordinary meeting of the National Shop Stewards Forum is being planned for 24th February. Company representatives are expected to attend that meeting in order that we can start to agree a way forward. We will also be working with the company to try and agree a communication strategy. Both ASDA and your shop stewards are very aware of the need to communicate with members as any talks' progress.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Smith'.

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