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Facts

Why this Election Matters

The facts

- **Scotland's budget has been cut by more than £3 billion since 2009/10 – with 50,000 public service job losses**
- **The difference in Tory and Labour spending plans for the period up to 2019/20 was estimated by the independent Institute for Fiscal Studies at £43 billion - a difference of £3 billion of further cuts in Scotland, depending on exactly where the UK cuts are made**
- **Or around 50,000 further public service job losses**
- **In the March 2015 Budget the Chancellor bowed to pressure from trade unions and others and revised his spending plans. It looks like the cuts will be less than announced last December, but as ever with budgets we will need to examine the detail.**
- **However, it is clear that there remains a significant difference between Tory and Labour spending plans. A Tory government will mean further service cuts and significant job losses for UNISON members in Scotland.**
- **Further briefings will follow**

Defending public services one conversation at a time

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