

This isn't a wage freeze. It's an unlawful rollback.

Cost of Living Goes Up; Public Sector Pay Goes Down

A “wage freeze” actually means a rollback. Public Sector workers will lose at least 6.1 per cent of their pay cheques to inflation.

- Inflation for 2013 is forecast at 1.6 per cent.
- 2014 is forecast at 2.2 per cent
- 2015 is forecast at 2.3 per cent¹

Someone who earns \$60,000/year in a skilled job with the Government of Alberta (as a social worker or a paralegal for example) will lose more than \$3,660 to Alison Redford's unlawful broken promise.

Public Sector Workers Will Lose Thousands of Dollars From Redford's Unlawful Broken Promise...But Private Sector Workers Will Keep Pace With the Economy.

Last year, base pay rose by 3.9 per cent for Alberta's private sector, non-union workers.

This year, it's expected to go up by 3.1 per cent.

By contrast, public sector wages for Alberta's unionized employees were expected to rise by only 2 per cent.²

The public sector is lagging far behind the private sector in Alberta. There is no way we will be able to attract and retain public sector workers if the government imposes unlawful zero per cent increases.

The Cost of Living in Alberta

Alberta has the highest household costs in Canada for utilities, health care, education, and car insurance and among some of the highest housing prices.

Alberta households spend more than the Canadian average on all of these basic expenditures.³

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¹ TD Economics Provincial Economic Forecast, October 11, 2013. http://www.td.com/document/PDF/economics/qef/ProvincialForecast_October2013.pdf

² Conference Board of Canada, Compensation Outlook 2014, http://www.conferenceboard.ca/press/newsrelease/13-10-22/canadian_workers_can_expect_a_third_year_of_modest_salary_increases_in_2014.aspx

³ Statistics Canada. Table 203-0021 - Survey of household spending (SHS), household spending, Canada, regions and provinces, annual (dollars) (accessed: November 27, 2013)