

Taoiseach's salary should be no higher than US President's, says IFUT

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The General Secretary of the Irish Federation of University Teachers (IFUT), Mr Mike Jennings, has said that agreement on a package of proposals to help save the Exchequer €2bn is possible if the type of proposals being put to the unions were mirrored elsewhere in the economy.

Entering talks today (Sunday, 1 February 2009), Mr Jennings said "If, for instance, An Taoiseach, Brian Cowen, were to agree to accept a salary level no higher than that of US President, Barack Obama, with *pro rata* rates for other Government Ministers and if the government were to initiate legal sanction against Sean Fitzpatrick for his role in Anglo Irish Bank, it would be easier to address the draconian proposals now on the table.

"Trade union members must not be the only ones expected to bear the brunt of the very serious economic crisis now facing the country," he said.

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