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NASUWT response to chancellor's spending review announcement

Commenting on Gordon Brown's statement, **Chris Keates**, Acting General Secretary of NASUWT (the teachers' union with 223,500 members), said:

"I welcome the Government's commitment to continue to invest in education.

"I await with interest the more specific details from the Secretary of State tomorrow, although it is clear from the five-year plan unveiled last week that the Government will continue its drive to put additional funding directly into schools.

"Whilst this policy has many advantages, it is vital to ensure that funding is used for its intended purpose and does not sit in unproductive reserves.

"Clearly our main concern is to ensure that schools have sufficient funding to implement fully the workforce reforms."

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