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Disbandment of the DfES Standards and Effectiveness Unit

Commenting on the disbandment of the DfES Standards and Effectiveness Unit **Chris Keates**, Acting General Secretary of NASUWT (the teachers' union representing 223,500 serving teachers), said:

"I have never been convinced that anything worthwhile emanated from the Unit. Its grip on the reality of what was happening in schools was always tenuous at best.

"However, this was as a result of policy not personnel and NASUWT would be concerned if the many hardworking and talented staff in the SEU were lost to the service.

"NASUWT believes that policy objectives can be refocused without job loss and wholeheartedly supports the civil service unions in their campaign to prevent compulsory job loss."

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