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Commenting on the Budget announced today, Steve Sinnott, General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said:

“I welcome Gordon Brown’s commitment to funding the renewal of primary school buildings and funding for ICT but I hope this optimism is not undermined by double counting and spin.

“The controversies and insecurities of the Private Finance Initiative and Academy sponsorship have taken the shine off Government achievements in funding the secondary school rebuilding programme.

“I hope that this time, what you see is what you get.”

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