

UKIP Leader Gerard Batten Slams £500 million

Increase in the Foreign Aid Budget

The UK's foreign aid budget now stands at an eye-watering £14 billion; an increase of £500 million on the previous year. The increase came about because spending by law must rise by 0.7 per cent of Gross National Income, in order to comply with the United Nations resolution on foreign aid.

UKIP calls for cutting the foreign aid budget to 0.2 per cent of GNI, saving at least £10 billion every year that could be reinvested into the NHS and other services.

UKIP Leader Gerard Batten commented on the increase:

"It's a disgrace that we are increasing our foreign aid spending when our social services and military are combatting cutbacks. How can it be right that we are sending more money to countries like India, which has its own space programme, or to dangerous regimes with atrocious human rights records like Iran?"

"UKIP calls for a radical reduction in the foreign aid budget so that more of British taxpayers' money is spent on vital services here at home."