

## £2.5 billion cuts ordered by George Osborne

George Osborne has been criticised over his decision to cut two per cent of spending over the next two years.

Education, health and foreign aid will not be affected by this decision.

Opposition MPs and trade union leaders labelled the new round of savings 'a cut too far'.

Osborne wants the cuts to fund new building projects. The government originally announced spending cuts averaging 19% - equivalent to £81bn - up to 2014-2015.

Chris Leslie, a spokesman, said that George Osborne's £2.5 billion for infrastructure projects was a 'huge disappointment'.

Energy Secretary Ed Davey, whose department will have to find extra savings, denied ministers had been taken by surprise by the Chancellor's

announcement, saying they had been given "more notice" of it than expected.

TUC general secretary Frances O'Grady said: 'it will boost growth by a measly 0.06 per cent and funding it through spending cuts means further reductions in public services.'



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*George Osborne described it as a Budget 'for people who aspire to work hard and get on.*

We wonder how these cuts will affect us in the future.

