Retail

60,000 Asda workers begin final stage £1.2 billion case



More than 60,000 Asda workers have begun the final stage of their £1.2 billion equal pay claim.

The case, held at the Manchester Employment Tribunal Offices is the final part of a decade-long equal pay case against the supermarket that could lead to a pay out worth £1.2 billion.

Asda workers' claim centres on the fact the predominantly female retail workforce is paid more than £3 per hour less than the predominantly male warehouse workforce.

The first two parts of the case – whether their roles can be compared to men and whether the roles are of equal value - have already been won by the women workers.

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Now they face just one final stage in the case, which requires Asda to provide a reason, not related to sex, for the difference in pay.

Charlotte Brumpton-Childs, GMB National Secretary, said:

“These women workers have been fighting for more than a decade to take back what they are owed.

“Successive Asda bosses have fought this every step of the way, but now the finish line is in sight.

“The entire retail sector has been built on the structural undervaluing of women's work - but these women will finally put a stop to it.

“GMB calls on Asda to get round the table and begin settlement talks.”

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