

# Odds rise on a pay strike at Gala Casinos

Hundreds of workers from some of London's largest casinos are threatening strike action following a breakdown in pay talks with Gala Casinos.

Floor staff from five of Gala's London branches – including an outlet on Piccadilly – called for industrial action on Friday after demands for a 5.1 per cent pay increase were turned down. The workers are also demanding hot meals and provisions for safe travel home after their shifts. A consultative ballot will be set in motion this week.

A spokesman for Gala Coral Group, the UK's largest private company, said it had made a „fair offer“ of a rise of 2.8 per cent. „This means that they would enjoy a raise above inflation, even though in each of the past two years their increases were double inflation,“ he said.