

Wilko bosses must be hauled before MPs



Wilko bosses must be hauled before Parliament's Business and Trade Select Committee to give evidence over the firm's collapse, GMB has said.

The union has today [Tuesday] [written to newly elected select committee chair Liam Byrne MP](#) to call for a special emergency session of the committee to hold Wilko chiefs to account.

Discount high street retailer Wilko went bust earlier this year, leaving more than 10,000 workers without a job.

Bosses shelled out £77m in dividends to themselves and shareholders during the past decade – and the Wilkinson family have not yet spoken questions about the business' collapse.



Nadine Houghton, National Officer, said:

“From ignoring clear warnings about the business’ future, to dishing out millions in payouts for owners and shareholders, Wilko management has failed at every turn.

“The collapse of Wilko isn’t just a tragedy for its loyal workforce, it will also add to the decline of high streets across the country.

“Wilko workers deserve answers from the company that crushed their livelihoods.

“The new select committee chair should call an urgent emergency session on Wilko to demand those answers.”

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