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HALF OF LABOUR MPs IN PAY OF UNIONS

Government accused of being 'under the thumb' as figures show **213 MPs** have raked in **£1.8m** donations since election was called

MORE than half of Keir Starmer's MPs took union cash to help them fight the election.

Of the 404 Labour MPs, 213 raked in a whopping £1.8million from union bosses since the election was called in May.

EXCLUSIVE

By **David Churchill**
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It is the first time the scale of union donations to MPs in the new Government has been laid bare, sparking fresh accusations last night that Labour was 'under the thumb'

of its 'paymasters' amid inflation-busting pay rises being offered with no strings attached.

It also raised fears about pro-trade union laws – such as beefing up workers' rights and repealing anti-strike legislation – being waved through with little scrutiny.

It comes after the Aslef rail union
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