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# London Underground recruits 300 Tube station staff

**London Underground (LU) is recruiting 300 Tube station staff in a move union bosses claim has been caused by a 2010 policy of cutting 800 jobs.**

LU announced plans to cut the jobs in 2010 as part of cost saving measures.

But the RMT's Bob Crow said LU had "been forced into recruiting 300 new staff to try and plug the gaps" and called the policy a "massive blunder".

LU responded by saying: "We are just filling vacancies left by people leaving or being promoted."

It added: "There are no new posts or new jobs."

Transport for London's (TfL) 2010 plans led to a series of 24-hour strikes on the network.

But it said its number of station staff would remain at around 5,200, despite the new vacancies.

**'Promotion opportunities'**