
MEMORANDUM



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For the attention of all AEU members

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NTPS EBA Bulletin 1/2009 Important Information to AEU-NT Members

The AEU-NT has received enquires from members who are concerned regarding the NTPS Enterprise Agreement Negotiations Bulletin 1/2009 and the reported decision by the NT Government to limit pay increases to 2.5%.

Question :
What is our Union Doing About This ?

Answer :

What needs to be remembered is that the 2010 Union Collective Agreement (EBA) negotiations will not be the first for most of our members, and those with such experience will remember the "argy-bargy" and posturing that occurs. The AEU-NT Full-time Officers are reticent to give much attention and therefore credence to the first NTPS bulletin. I encourage the "old hands" to head off gossip, which, not being based on fact, starts the rumour mills.

Listen only to verifiable information, do not react until it is relevant to react.

Do not let the 'urgers' engender panic which is their game plan. The attack is on all public servants so we (the Unions) are responding as you may have seen and heard recently in the Media.

We have a long time to go! Our agreement does not expire until 31st August 2010. This very provocative statement is designed to do exactly what it is doing - getting people agitated, probably with the intent that by the time we are in negotiations this time **next** year people may have had enough already, making the task for the employer, the Commissioner for Public Employment easier.

The AEU-NT plan to ratify our Log of Claims at the 2010 Conference, with motions from 2009 conference and subsequent motions to Executive; they are our members agreed claims following our democratic process.

By the time we get there, many things can happen:

Witness the current embarrassment for politicians with their rise in salaries, the Governments tenuous hold on power, the impending Wet Season with its inherent electricity problems and the increased costs, the housing issues, the conflicting statements by the Chief Minister on how we are booming and the NT avoiding the financial crisis BUT now we need to 'tighten belts' etc all reflecting on Government performance and spin. 'A week is a long time in politics', 'don't cross your bridges before you get there' and 'keep your powder dry'

ABOVE ALL STAY UNITED!