

PSA AND CPSU (SPSF) SA BRANCH) JULY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The PSA and CPSU (SPSF) SA Branch Councils met on 20th July 2009.

Key issues discussed in the meetings included:

PUBLIC SECTOR BILL 2009

A detailed report on the Bill was provided to Council. This included the major changes to the Bill achieved by Opposition, Greens, Family First, Democrats and Independents in the Legislative Council in line with concerns identified by the PSA. Council was advised that there were 17 significant changes from the original Government Bill including the re-instatement of effective tribunal-based appeal provisions. The new legislation also removes the requirement for a minimum period of acting before a Higher Duties allowance is paid and enables payment in lieu for long service leave.

Council recognised that it was only through the extensive briefing and lobbying process by PSA that the changes were achieved.

ENTERPRISE BARGAINING

Council endorsed a framework for consultation with members for the development of a claim for a new "Parity" Agreement which can be lodged in September. Items to be considered for the claim include a universal pay increase, job security, the protection of existing conditions and adjustments for special needs areas (including Allied Health). Significant input from members has already been received.

TRAFFIC CAMERA UNIT

The General Secretary advised Council that prompt action by the PSA had achieved major safety improvements for members working in the Traffic Camera Unit.

RAH STAFF COUNSELLING SERVICE

The General Secretary reported on the campaign to retain the RAH Staff Counselling Service. A successful Union rally was held at the Hospital on Friday 17 July.