

Joint SBU Report Back

4 July 2014

3rd Meeting Still No Movement

What Did We Talk About?

The main items for discussion yesterday were around a number of non contentious clauses in Part 9 of the current Agreement. The discussions occurred on a **'without prejudice basis'** which essentially means that the parties can enter into the discussions and not be bound by what is discussed until final agreement is reached.

The company put forward the suggestion that the specific content discussed around the clauses be kept confidential, however the SBU outlined its position that the content could be reported back to employees by specifying that the content was discussed on a 'without prejudice' basis.

It was agreed that at the end of each negotiation meeting that the SBU would discuss with the company the key points in relation to the clauses which could be reported back, and if any points required further discussion or had any sensitivity associated with them it may be agreed that those points will not be reported to immediately after that discussion.

The 'without prejudice' discussion in relation to Part 9 related to annual leave and sick leave. It should be noted that this discussion occurred without the company having their framework approved, and the SBU noted that the specific claims of the respective unions would need to be revisited after the company had received approval and is in a position to outline the totality of its bargaining framework.

Delegate Rights

The ETU is continuing discussions with the company in relation to the number of ETU delegates involved in the negotiations.

Venue

Yesterday's discussions took place at Alan Border field. The company has indicated that the neutral venue will be used for future meetings.

A Neutral Facilitator

The company has proposed a candidate to be the neutral facilitator for the negotiations. The SBU has taken the proposal on notice and will come back to the company as to whether its proposal is acceptable, or whether the SBU proposes a different facilitator.

CBRC Approval

The company indicated yesterday that it is unlikely to have Cabinet Budget Review Committee approval for its bargaining framework until early August 2014.

Timeframes for Further Meetings

The next meetings will occur on 25 July and 7 August 2014.

Further Information

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