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Dear Mr Allen,

**Re: Negotiations for replacement “Core” Agreement**

Together notes Minister Grace’s comments regarding the Palaszczuk government’s preference for a negotiated outcome for the matters currently referred to arbitration, including the proposed bargaining instrument to cover those workers who are currently under the *State Government Entities Certified Agreement 2015* or “the Core”.

Together is seeking to understand the bargaining position of the Queensland Government in relation to the Core agreement as of October 2019, and if the position on wage rates to be offered has changed since the last offer was made in February this year.

We make this request concurrently with the ongoing matter in the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission for CB/2018/149 and are not intending to delay any of the proceedings currently before the Full Bench, other than to seek to narrow matters in dispute or to assist in finalising an outcome that would be acceptable to all parties.

We will also formally seek an interim pay rise as part of those proceedings in the coming days.

We request written correspondence from OIR with a summary of the starting point for recommencing negotiations so we may discuss further with delegates and members.

Should you require clarification or to arrange a meeting time, please contact Dee Spink on [dee.spink@together.org.au](mailto:dee.spink@together.org.au) or 0437 448 898. We look forward to your response.

Kind regards,



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