

Issues Forum – Senior Officers Union

MINUTES

Kedron Park Building – Thursday 1 March 2012 – 1006 – 1136 hours - DCQFRS's Office

ATTENDEES		
Iain MacKenzie (DC) – Deputy Commissioner - QFRS	John Cawcutt (JC) – State President - SOU	
Marie Daniec (MD) – Deputy Commissioners Staff Officer - QFRS	Andrew Short (AS) – State Secretary - SOU	
Glenn Carthew (GC) – Manager, ERU	Callum MacSween (CM) – Employee Relations Advisor – ERU	
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Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as circulated.		
Action Items from previous meetings		
SOU-2010-09-03	Rural & Remote Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS raised an issue regarding [REDACTED]. The region is managing the issue. AS advised the matter is not an issue for escalation. The Committee further discussed the issue of accommodation in rural locations, and the impact the booming mining industry is having on accommodation. The DC suggested a number of models as possible solutions, and that this might be a topic for discussion during the forthcoming EB. 	Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing discussion.
SO-2010-02-03	Scientific Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A range of options were discussed; however, the Committee noted that the preferred course of action is for local-level resolution. 	Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing discussion.
SOU-2011-06-29-02 – Re-raised Agenda Item.	Next EB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As the government is currently in caretaker mode, it is unable to discuss EB-related matters. GC invited the SOU to present its intentions / log of claims. GC noted talks may occur, but QFRS is unable to negotiate at present. Discussion was held regarding other strategic items including regional superintendent structures; a structure review of the state; and a review of the previous SES review. 	Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing discussion. Await outcome of upcoming election regarding EB.

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SOU-2011-11-18-01	<p>Alternate Strategies for Management of Medical Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DC suggested that the SOU consider the Whole-of-Government medical redeployment strategy. • The DC advised there is no further information available at present. • The Committee agreed this is an important issue requiring sophisticated frameworks and possibly alternative employment strategies. • The SOU advised it is keen to work with QFRS on this matter. • Possible review of medical standards with WH&S and Dr Keith Adam (and their potential application to senior officers) 	<p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Keith Adam, WH&S and the SOU to review medical standards. • SOU to nominate a representative for the above-mentioned action item. • Ongoing discussion
SOU-2011-12-01-01	<p>██████ investigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee noted this issue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SOU suggests QFRS brief the DG regarding this issue.
	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SOU advised it had been asked to provide input into different configurations for ERVs. • Discussion was held in regards choice and fit-for-purpose relating to type of vehicle, and possible savings in future reviews of on-call vehicles (e.g., factory-standard colours). 	
	<p>Meeting closed 1136 hours</p>	
	<p>Next Meeting: Thursday 18 April 2012 1000 – 1200 hours DCQFRS's Office</p>	