

TEACHERS ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

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****This bulletin only applies to employees covered by the NTPS Teacher and Educator 2014–2017 Enterprise Agreement****

Negotiations for a new teachers' enterprise agreement underway

Representatives from my office, the Department of Education and the Northern Territory Branch of the Australian Education Union (AEU-NT) have had 12 bargaining meetings. Negotiations started on 21 June 2016. The discussions have been productive and cordial.

AEU-NT log of claims

On 21 August 2017, the AEU-NT submitted their log of claims for the new agreement and in the meetings that followed, the AEU-NT clarified their claims and the reasons for making them.

Next Steps

The bargaining parties will continue to meet and work through issues associated with the AEU-NT log of claims; the objectives of the department; and issues of general concern across the NTPS. All the parties have committed to make these discussions collaborative and productive.

Agreement Expiry

The current agreement reached its nominal expiry date on 11 October 2017. Its terms and conditions will continue to apply until it is replaced by a new agreement. In the past, I would have put an offer for the new agreement to the AEU-NT before the expiry date. However, the new collaborative approach to bargaining means that the parties will continue to work through the issues in good faith until it is appropriate for me to put an offer to the AEU-NT.

Fixed Period Teachers

The high proportion of fixed period teachers working in our schools is a common concern for all the parties. With support from my office, the department and the AEU-NT are developing procedures to reduce the numbers of fixed period teachers through appointing eligible teachers to ongoing positions based on a merit process. This project although separate from the bargaining process for the new agreement, assists in providing stability and security in the employment of teachers.

Periodically, I will write to you about developments in the bargaining process.

More Information

If you would like more information, you can visit the bargaining web-page at <https://ocpe.nt.gov.au/nt-public-sector-employment/enterprise-agreement-negotiations/current-negotiations/teachers>. If you would like to make a comment about the bargaining process you can send an email to enquiries.ocpe@nt.gov.au.

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