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Negotiations Commenced

In the last Bulletin issued employees were advised that bargaining for a new enterprise agreement was about to commence and were issued with the required statutory Notice of Employee Representational Rights in relation to the bargaining process. See [Darwin Port Corporation Bulletin 1/2014](#).

Representatives from my Office and the Darwin Port Corporation met with relevant union representatives and delegates to commence negotiations on 28 February 2014 and 4 March 2014. At those meetings the parties discussed how the bargaining process would generally proceed, and the unions were advised that expectations of agreement outcomes should be within the parameters of the [NTPS Wages Policy 2013-2016](#). The unions indicated they would be in a position to provide their respective logs of claims in the weeks following that meeting.

A meeting was held this week on 18 March 2014 at which only the Australian Maritime Officers Union (AMOU) talked to their claims. The Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) advised they were not in a position to present their claims and have now requested the employer present an offer in advance. The Australian Manufacturing Workers Union (AMWU) also did not present any claims.

Next Step

I expect that an offer for a new enterprise agreement will be able to be made to the unions around mid April 2014. However, those unions who wish to continue discussions about their claims will continue in the coming weeks. Future meeting dates will be posted on the OCPE website.

More Information

Regular Bulletins and Information Sheets on the bargaining process and proposals will be posted on the OCPE website under the [Enterprise Agreement Negotiation Updates page](#). Information on bargaining in general can be obtained at www.fairwork.gov.au or for more detailed information on the roles of bargaining representatives visit [Fair Work Commission's Bargaining & Workplace Determinations](#) webpage. You can also contact the Fair Work Commission Infoline on 1300 799 675.



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