

PRISON OFFICER ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT BULLETIN 5

REVISED OFFER REMAINS OPEN FOR ACCEPTANCE

Two bargaining meetings have been held over the past week and we've listened to Union and member feedback on my revised offer of 8 August 2014.

As a result of the constructive nature of these meetings, the parties appear very close to resolving all matters, with the Department of Correctional Services putting forward additional commitments:

- no privatisation of correctional centres during the life of the agreement;
- continuation of a free bus transport service for Alice Springs officers for the life of the agreement, with any changes to existing arrangements requiring the agreement of employees; and
- joint development of parameters specifying minimum requirements for an officer to perform OIC night-shift, in acknowledgement of members concerns. *Note: these will be developed with the Union and circulated prior to the agreement going to an employee vote.*

These Departmental commitments are in addition to the significant concessions already made under the revised offer, and are a genuine attempt to secure in principle agreement in a timely fashion.

To allow them to be further considered, I've agreed to leave the offer open until **8 September 2014**. I hope that this extension will give the parties the opportunity to reach agreement.

The extension means that if the revised offer is accepted with these additional Department commitments, employees will receive a pay increase from 9 August 2014.

I encourage all officers covered by the agreement to consider the offer favourably.

Information Sheet 3 sets out the key benefits for employees under the revised offer.

Feedback

If you wish to provide feedback you can contact me directly at www.enterpriseagreements.nt.gov.au/feedback/. All feedback will be treated confidentially



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Commissioner for Public Employment
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