

# MINUTES – EMPLOYEE CONSULTATIVE GROUP (ECG) MEETING

Friday, 18 September 2015  
Parliament House, Room 1R4

## Present:

Ms Cathy Heidrich	Office of Mr Mark Coulton MP
Mr Ben Maxfield	Office of the Hon David Feeney MP
Mr Sam Drummond	Office of Senator Janet Rice
Ms Kim Travers (via teleconference)	Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU)
Ms Kris Cruden (via teleconference)	Office of the Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Ms Kathy Casey	Office of the Special Minister of State
Mr Tony Nairn	Department of Finance (Finance)
Mr Luke Kostava	Finance

## Apologies:

Ms Rosemary Little	Office of the Hon Peter Dutton MP
Mr Brendan Gullifer	Office of Senator John Madigan
Ms Fiona Ross	Office of Ms Sharon Claydon MP
Mr Chris Browne	Office of the Hon Kevin Andrews MP

Meeting Opened: 9:00am  
Meeting Chair: Mr Tony Nairn  
Meeting Closed: 9:20am

## **Agenda Item 1 – Welcome and Apologies**

- Mr Nairn opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

## **Agenda Item 2 – Business Arising – Relocation Expenses Guideline**

- Mr Nairn explained the proposed amendment to the Guideline. Finance will now reimburse taxi fares from and to a freight depot to drop off and collect a freighted vehicle if required. Finance will not pay for other costs while a vehicle is being freighted (e.g. a rental car).
- The ECG agreed to the updated Guideline.

## **Agenda Item 3 – Other Business**

### **Enterprise Agreement**

- Ms Casey advised that there was no update on Enterprise Agreement bargaining.
- Mr Nairn noted that there is not yet a timeframe for the commencement of bargaining and that consultation with the Office of the Special Minister of State and the Australian Public Service Commission on an initial bargaining position continued.

### **Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS) – food and beverage strategy**

- Mr Drummond noted that he had provided feedback to DPS in relation to its food and beverage strategy on behalf of Australian Greens employees.

### **MOP(S) Act employees and elections**

- Ms Travers asked whether the information on the M&PS website on MOP(S) Act employees as election candidates was up-to-date.
- Mr Nairn advised that the information is up-to-date and briefly described the advice.

## **Agenda Item 5 – Next meeting**

- The ECG agreed to hold its next meeting on 27 November 2015.