

MINUTES – EMPLOYEE CONSULTATIVE GROUP (ECG) MEETING

Friday, 25 November 2016
Parliament House, Room MG62

Present:

Ms Cathy Heidrich	Office of Mr Mark Coulton MP
Mr Sam Drummond	Office of Senator Janet Rice
Ms Rosemary Little	Office of the Hon Peter Dutton MP
Ms Kim Travers	Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU)
Ms Ebony Richards (teleconference)	Office of the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Ms Ruth Graver (teleconference)	Office of the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP
Mr Daniel Try	Office of the Special Minister of State
Mr Tony Nairn	Department of Finance (Finance)
Mr Luke Kostava	Finance
Mr John Hayton (observer)	Office of Senator the Hon Stephen Parry

Meeting Opened: 10:10am
Meeting Chair: Mr Tony Nairn
Meeting Closed: 10:45am

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome and Apologies

- Mr Nairn opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

Agenda Item 2 – Motor Vehicle Allowance (MVA) Guideline

- Mr Nairn discussed the changes to the MVA Guideline, which were to update the background to tax changes regarding MVA.
- The ECG agreed to the amended guideline.

Agenda Item 3 – Other Business

Enterprise Agreement ballot

- Mr Nairn answered a number of queries around the mechanics of the EA ballot, which was to close at 2:00pm AEDT on 25 November 2016.
- Mr Nairn noted that details regarding the result would be provided to unions and employee bargaining representatives.

Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS) – gym and pool costs

- The ECG discussed recent increases to Parliament House gym and pool costs and agreed a number of ECG members would approach DPS about staff concerns.

ECG reconstitution

- Mr Nairn noted that the ECG is to be reconstituted shortly with the Special Minister of State to invite parties and groups to nominate new ECG representatives.
- Should a new EA commence, it is likely there would be a number of ECG meetings in order to discuss guidelines under the new EA.