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Key Point

- *Bargaining for the next MOP(S) Act enterprise agreement will be deferred during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

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**All Senators and Members
All MOP(S) Act employees**

TEMPORARY DEFERRAL OF BARGAINING FOR THE NEXT MOP(S) ACT ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT

Since November 2019, the Government has engaged in productive meetings with unions and other employee bargaining representatives to develop a new enterprise agreement to replace the *Commonwealth Members of Parliament Staff Enterprise Agreement 2016-2019*.

I want to thank all participants for their efforts. A significant amount of work has been undertaken in developing, discussing and responding to proposals. However, we are now experiencing an unprecedented change in circumstances.

Given the current COVID-19 crisis, the Government does not consider it appropriate to provide a pay rise to the staff of Members of Parliament at this time. The Government will continue to work with bargaining representatives on a new enterprise agreement once the crisis is over.

If employees have any queries, please email eacomment@finance.gov.au. Parliamentarians are invited to contact their Advice and Support Director should they have any queries in relation to this circular.

Kind regards



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