

EMPLOYEE CONSULTATIVE GROUP (ECG) MEETING 1 – RECORD OF MEETING

Friday, 21 October 2022
GovTEAMS

Meeting opened: 11:30
Meeting closed: 12:00

Meeting Chair: Mr Tim Abrahams – Department of Finance

Attendee	Office
Emma Garbutt	Mr Adam Bandt MP
Josh Addison	Ms Dai Le MP
Nathalie Rosales-Chen	The Hon Anne Aly MP
Amy Knox	Ms Joanne Ryan MP
Sofia Wilson	Senator the Hon Susan Lines
Jessica Howard	Mr Bert van Manen MP
Michelle Hutchinson	The Hon Peter Dutton MP
Reilly Thomas	Senator the Hon Slade Brockman
ECG substitute	Dr Helen Haines MP
Kerrod Gream	Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan (representing Cathy Heidrich)
Bryce Wilson	Representing the Australian Services Union (ASU) (Office of David Smith MP)
Bonnie Pederson	Office of the Special Minister of State
Tim Abrahams	Finance
Gary Jolly	Finance
David Sandbach	Finance
Ellen Laenen	Finance (observer)
Luke Kostava	Finance (observer)

Apologies:

Jordan Pigott (CPSU)

Mick Jones (ASU)

Cameron Byers (Office of the Hon Chris Bowen MP)

Cathy Heidrich (Office of the Hon David Littleproud MP)

Agenda item 1 - Welcome and apologies

- The Chair opened the meeting, noted apologies and provided an update on:
 - Remuneration increases under the Enterprise Agreement noting the *Government's Public Sector Interim Workplace Arrangements 2022*.
 - Release of the MOP(S) Act Review
 - Implementation of the *Set the Standard Report*

Agenda item 2 – New ECG membership

- The Chair provided an explanation of the Committee structure and membership.
- Each of the attendees introduced themselves*

** Josh Addison from the Office of Ms Dai Le MP and the substitute ECG representative from the Office of Dr Helen Haines MP have agreed to alternate as the member for independents and small parties every 6 months during the 47th Parliament.*

Agenda item 3 – ECGs Terms of Reference – Draft

- Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) were provided to the ECG ahead of the meeting and introduced by the Chair. The ECG was asked to consider and provide any comments on the ToR out of session, to be endorsed at the next meeting.
- Generally two weeks will be allowed for ECG consideration of and comment on matters. The Chair noted that there will be significantly more consultation during the term of this ECG, including out of session.

ACTION ITEM 1: The ECG to provide comments on the ToR out of session, in order to finalise at Meeting 2.

Agenda item 4 – Other business

- The Chair noted the Secretariat for the Joint Select Committee on Parliamentary Standards (JSCPS) has contacted the Department of Finance to seek interest from ECG and WHSC members to participate in private and confidential hearings in early November 2022.

ACTION ITEM 2: Finance to advise the ECG when further information is provided from the JSCPS.

Agenda item 5 – next meeting

- The Chair advised that a joint meeting with the Work Health Safety Committee (WHSC) would be held with Kerri Hartland, chair of the Parliamentary Leadership Taskforce, to provide an update on the implementation of the *Set the Standard Report* on Monday, 14 November.

ACTION ITEM 3: Finance to issue calendar place-holder to ECG members for the 14 November meeting (week of 24 October 2022).