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Queensland Fire and
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Mr John Oliver
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United Firefighters Union
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Attention: Ms Paula Newman

Dear Mr Oliver

I am writing in response to the correspondence you have sent the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) in regards to commencing meetings to discuss the Award Modernisation process for the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service Award – State 2012 and the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service Communications Centres Award – State 2012.

I am aware that you have presented QFES with some documents in relation to this matter.

As you have been advised, QFES is keen to be prepared to present our version of the modern award for the fire industry to the Award Modernisation Team at the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission.

As the recent changes now mean that the fire industry will not be considered until the latter part of 2015, there is not the urgency previously for a final decision to be made in relation to the two awards outlined above.

Given the current workload of the Employee Relations Unit, I would not expect anyone to be available to meet with you to discuss the modern awards until September 2014 at the earliest.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further please contact Ms Michelle Swindells, Senior Employee Relations Officer, Employee Relations Unit, - QFES either via telephone number 3635 3028 or email at michelle.swindells@psba.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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