

UNITED FIREFIGHTERS UNION OF AUSTRALIA UNION OF EMPLOYEES QUEENSLAND

Friday 25 July 2014

Mr Mark Roche Acting Deputy Commissioner Operations and Emergency Management Queensland Fire and Emergency Services PO Box 1425 Brisbane Qld 4001

Dear Mr Roche

Re: Award Modernisation

I refer to the above matter and to your correspondence dated 23 July 2014.

I provide the following requests for clarification and further information arising from your correspondence.

A.

You state at paragraph three of your correspondence "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...(AMOD team)... at the...(QIRC)."

We cannot identify any correspondence, or otherwise, from QFES to UFUQ demonstrating that we have "been advised" by you in regard to any "version of the modern award" QFES may have.

Can you please provide any indication of when we have "been advised" of QFES's intentions and QFES's "version"?

B.

You state at paragraph four of your correspondence "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."

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UFUQ has not received any advice from QIRC or elsewhere, other than your contention, that any award modernisation relating to the "fire industry" will "not be considered until the latter part of 2015".

Can you please advise us of where you identified that this scheduling exists?

C.

I request that you supply UFUQ with the "version of the modern award for the fire industry" that you intend to rely upon.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss any of these requests further.

Regards

John Oliver State Secretary