

PSA AND CPSU SPSF (SA BRANCH) NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETINGS

The PSA and SPSF (SA Branch) Councils met on November 17th.

The General Secretary, with contributions from a number of members of Council, reported on current PSA disputes including:

SHARED SERVICES

An expected Government offer did not eventuate and, as a result, bans remain in place. This means that currently no staff or equipment is being moved to Shared Services.

CORRECTIONS

Despite statements to the contrary from the Department, the prison facilities damaged in the recent riot at the Port Augusta prison remained unusable with prisoners being accommodated in a variety of facilities. PSA members have rejected unsafe accommodation arrangements proposed by the Department.

EDUCATION ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT

The PSA is fully involved in this dispute representing School Services Officers. An interim increase has been sought in the Industrial Relations Commission whilst the Government continues to attempt to stop the industrial campaign.

FAMILIES SA

The Department has provided additional motor vehicles and started to address minor issues but no new staff have been provided to support South Australia's most vulnerable families. Families SA Worksite Representatives will meet again on November 27th to consider an escalation of current bans.

PRISON PROJECT

Associate Professor John Spoehr, Executive Director of the Australian Institute of Social Research at Adelaide University, reported on the socio-economic research being undertaken for the PSA on the proposal to relocate prison facilities to Mobilong. The research, which has been provided to the Government, includes a survey of 252 Corrections staff and details expected costs of \$33 million in the first year additional to Government estimates.