

PSA AND SPSF (SA BRANCH) OCTOBER 2009 COUNCIL MEETINGS

The PSA and SPSF (SA Branch) Councils met on October 19. Council heard detailed reports on the following:

ENTERPRISE BARGAINING

Meetings involving the PSA and Government representatives continue. Discussions focus on job security and achieving a fair and reasonable salary increase for all, with the PSA claim for the first payment date to be 1 October 2009.

SHARED SERVICES

A general lack of resourcing, low morale and ineffective systems remain major issues in Shared Services. Ongoing concerns exist that accounts to service providers are delayed and even that payment of salaries and allowances to public sector employees on time are at risk due to a lack of staff.

CAMPAIGN TO DEFEND THE PUBLIC SECTOR

The current round of job cuts has led to increasing workloads in a number of agencies. In addition, the Government has announced that a further \$750 million is to be cut from future Budgets. Council received many reports of situations where workers from other employment streams are having to pick up administrative work to the detriment of their usual duties. These include Police, Nurses, Allied Health Professionals, Social Workers and Youth Workers. In addition, Council was been advised of many examples of jobs going where the functions performed were vital. In recognition of this and other attacks on the public sector, Council resolved to mount a campaign to defend and promote the role of the public sector.