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Negotiations Update

Your union, QFRS and government representatives reported back to the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (QIRC) this week as to where EB negotiations have progressed to.

Your union advised that the State Committee of Management (SCM) still held concerns about QFRS's claims and the overall package on offer and that further negotiations would be required.

QFRS and the government once more requested QIRC to refer matters to arbitration as they believed further negotiation would not result in agreement.

QIRC has directed UFUQ to provide our offer to settle the agreement by 13 November 2012.

A further QIRC conciliation conference will then be held on 15 November 2012.

If the next conciliation conference does not show prospects of agreement being reached QIRC will consider QFRS and the government's request to have the agreement arbitrated.

Throughout the process, your union has been trying to reach an agreement so that members have an opportunity to vote. In arbitration members do not have a vote.

It is our view that the QFRS and Government's plan was to insist upon claims and if they were not able to reach agreement then they would try to win them through arbitration.

We will continue our attempts to settle an agreement and advise you through the UFUQ newsletters of the progress.

John Oliver
State Secretary

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