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ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT UPDATE

As previously reported, the UFU had some concerns with and questions about, the government's renewed offer (of 29 September 2017) on our enterprise agreement which needed to be addressed.

These issues and questions were finally hammered out in discussions with SAMFS management, the Office of the Public Sector and the Premier's office at a meeting on Friday, 6 October 2017, resulting in an agreement by government to present the draft of a further offer today (9/10), based on the understandings reached at Friday's meeting.

This time, the UFU will have the opportunity to raise concerns and have any issues about the document addressed *prior* to the offer being considered and determined by the Cabinet on Thursday, 12 October 2017.

While we trust that all the issues we have raised in our meetings and negotiations will be appropriately and fully addressed in the anticipated renewed document of offer, as always, the devil is in the detail so clearly a great deal of care and caution are required.

It's vital that we ensure that any offer we recommend will deliver what firefighters need, that there is genuine commitment from the parties and that the agreement is sufficiently robust to withstand any challenges over its life.

The UFU hopes to soon reach a point where there is a package negotiated which State Council and Shop Stewards believe will be acceptable for consideration by members.

While this process has taken an extended period, we believe that it presents us with the ability to achieve the best outcomes for firefighters in ensuring our ongoing professionalism, maintaining decent wages and working conditions, and that the government 'has our back' if we are injured as we *risk a lot to save a lot*.

Thank you all for your patience and discipline in this matter which I hope will soon be rewarded with an offer for an enterprise agreement which delivers on all the above.

Greg Northcott

UFU Secretary