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Hon Colin Barnett MEd MLA
Premier
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Dear Mr Premier

**Re: Negotiations for the salaries and conditions of public sector employees
Request for agency specific information**

Thank you for your response to my recent letter in relation to the negotiations for the *Public Service and Government Officers General Agreement 2014*.

In our initial letter we sought information in relation to Agency forecasting of the 1.5% increase in wages and an undertaking in relation to retrospectivity should a replacement Agreement be delayed past the expiration of our current Agreement.

As outlined previously, the element of cost neutrality necessitates an understanding of what the cost of a wage increase will be. Your response indicates that sufficient information has been provided to us in relation to the 1.5% wage figure increase. I can confirm that it has not.

I note that as part of the Treasury costings released today it has been announced that if your government is elected, 2,000 voluntary redundancies will be made available and 1,000 recent graduates will be offered positions to replace those redundant public sector workers.

This announcement deeply concerns us. Replacing long standing public sector staff with lower paid graduates and asking them do the job of two experienced workers is unfair and unreasonable for all the workers concerned. The solution to the State's debt problem is neither a further contraction of the public sector nor is it paying young people less to do the job of two people.

Yours sincerely

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Branch Secretary