



MEDIA STATEMENT

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TREASURER'S THREAT BLATANT CHEST BEATING

- The CPSU/CSA challenges Treasurer Mike Nahan's claim that capping annual wage increases for public servants at 1.5 percent is 'fair'
- The current agreement between the Government and our members (negotiated in 2014) provides for moderate pay increases in line with cost of living
- These increases have been crucial in enabling our members to keep up with the cost of living
- In the same year that the wages policy was introduced WA politicians received a 3.8 percent pay rise
- Under the Barnett Government more than 10,000 jobs have been axed from the public sector in addition to the wages policy, hiring freezes and agency expenditure reviews

Comments from Toni Walkington, State Branch/General Secretary of the CPSUCA:

"This is another announcement from the Barnett Government that has not been well thought out.

"The Treasurer appears to want to create an argument with the public service before the bulk of negotiations even commence.

"Our members will approach the next round of bargaining sensibly and rationally, with resolute determination for an outcome that respects the valuable work they do and encourages a robust public service.

"They will not be distracted from their goal by chest beating tactics from the Barnett Government. Our members will not accept a wage deal that reduces the real value of their pay."

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