



## HealthShare PTS Award negotiations begin with the Ministry of Health

Today, Wednesday April 17, the Award Negotiation Committee - made up of HSU PTO members from across the state and supported by the HSU Divisional Secretary, industrial officer and organisers - met with representatives from the Ministry of Health at St Leonards.

This meeting was to share the log of claims for a new award and allow the ministry to ask questions before coming back to membership with a formal response.

The new HealthShare Patient Transport Officer Award will commence from July 1, 2024 when the old award expires. Meeting now is essential to ensure the Ministry of Health can get bargaining parameters from the Secretary of Health and come back to the table for productive discussions.

The HSU committee spoke to all the points voted on by membership and articulated the realities and the concerns of PTOs to ministry. At the conclusion of the meeting, the committee gave the ministry one week to come back to membership with government bargaining parameters. Another meeting will also be held in a fortnight.

Right now, it's important for members to stay informed and continue to give feedback to their local committee members. The ministry has asked for further clarification regarding the log of claims, and delegates and members will meet again soon to make the demands more specific.

If the ministry fails to act in good faith and come back in a timely manner, members will be forced to meet to discuss action.

In unity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerard Hayes', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Gerard Hayes  
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD